

MACHINE LEARNING (ML) FOR TRACKING THE GEO-TEMPORALITY OF A  
TREND: DOCUMENTING THE FREQUENCY OF THE BASEBALL-TRUCKER  
HAT ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE RUNWAY

A Thesis

Presented to the Faculty of the Graduate School  
of Cornell University

In Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of  
Master of Arts

by

Rachel Rose Getman

May 2019

© 2019 Rachel Rose Getman

## ABSTRACT

This study applied fine-grained Machine Learning (ML) to document the frequency of baseball-trucker hats on social media with images populated from the Matzen et al. (2017) *StreetStyle-27k* Instagram dataset (2013-2016) and as produced in runway shows for the luxury market with images populated from the *Vogue Runway* database (2000-2018). The results show a low frequency of baseball-trucker hats on social media from 2013-2016 with little annual fluctuation. The *Vogue Runway* plots showed that baseball-hats appeared on the runway before 2008 with a slow but steady annual increase from 2008 through 2018 with a spike in 2016 to 2017. The trend is discussed within the context of social, cultural, and economic factors. Although ML requires refinement, its use as a tool to document and analyze increasingly complex trends is promising for scholars. The study shows one implementation of high-level concept recognition to map the geo-temporality of a fashion trend.

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Rachel R. Getman holds a bachelor's degree in Anthropology from the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). Her interests lie in the intersection of arts and sciences through interdisciplinary collaboration. The diversification of her professional experience from the service industry, education, wardrobe styling, apparel production, commercial vocals, and organic agriculture influence her advocacy for holistic thinking and non-linear problem solving. Perpetually list-making and knolling, she considers herself an expert in the field of applied neurotics.

To David A. Getman

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to the individuals, communities, and organizations that influenced and supported me through the completion of this thesis.

Thank you to Dr. Denise N. Green for your advisement and persistence through topic twists and turns and for forging the collaboration that sparked this thesis.

Thank you to my minor committee member Dr. Kavita Bala and the patient and dedicated research team in the Computer Science department at Cornell University: Nehal Rawat, Sonia Appasamy, Utkarsh Mall, and Dr. Bharath Hariharan---without your time, patience, commitment, and code, this research would not have been possible.

Generous funding in part by the Robert C. Hillestad Fellowship presented by the International Textile and Apparel Association and Dr. Denise N. Green for encouraging me to apply.

Erica Johns for your overall awesomeness, endless library expertise, and email intros. Many thanks!

VDL for your unwavering support, patience, and ears.

My parents---thank you for always putting education first and encouraging higher education even when I doubted myself, answering every call, and giving me a place to return home.

Thank you to my sisters Rebecca and Lizzie, not only my Gen Z informants but source of joy, for always lifting me up when I needed a laugh or Lulu update.

Dan, my bookends. Thank you for anticipating my needs, being a pillar when I needed a lift, a base when I didn't know where to land, and net if I needed to fall and always making sure I'm fed.

Thank you to Janna Lamey in the Office of Graduate Student Life for your accessibility and continual support.

Thank you to my brujas--- Semantha, Eleanor, and Taylor for the daily sisterhood and solidarity. Thank you to Madeline and Cloe the OGs. Madeline, thank you for every call, text, ramble, and reassurance: for setting an example of persistence and strength. Your intelligence and curiosity continually inspire me to push forward.

Thank you to Leah Shenandoah, for setting an example of strength, power, and perseverance: being a strong mother, warrior, and native women showing us all how it's done!

Thank you to the Apparel Design graduate student cohort of '17-'19, Skate Skate, and FSAD is FAB threads, for creating lightness, stability, support. We have a cohort unlike any other!

Thank you to everyone who endured the hurricane and for coming back after the storm.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

Abstract	iii
Biographical Sketch	iv
Acknowledgments	vi
Table of Contents	vii
List of Figures	viii
List of Tables	ix
List of Abbreviations	x
 <b>CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION</b>	 <b>11</b>
Trends, Fads, and Microtrends	13
Purpose of Thesis	14
Machine Learning	15
Terminology	15
<b>CHAPTER 2: REVIEW OF LITERATURE</b>	<b>16</b>
Quantifying Fashion Change and Socio-Cultural Phenomenon	16
Mechanisms of Fashion Change	19
<b>CHAPTER 3: METHODS</b>	<b>22</b>
Iterative Process	22
<i>Vogue Runway</i> Dataset	24
<i>Instagram</i> Dataset	25
First Annotation Tool	26
Second Annotation Tool	27
Ongoing Refinement and Validation	28
Modifications and Adjustments	29
Second Iteration	30
<b>CHAPTER 4: RESULTS</b>	<b>31</b>
Rates of Accuracy	31
Confusion Matrixes	32
Plots	33
<b>CHAPTER 5: DISCUSSION</b>	<b>36</b>
Global Economic Crash	36
<i>Normcore</i> , <i>Athleisure</i> , and Streetwear	37
From Luxury to Ideological Teams and “Imagined Communities”	41
Politics and the “MAGA” Hat	46
<b>CHAPTER 6: CONCLUSION</b>	<b>48</b>
Summary of Results	48
Limitations	59
Future Work	50
 <b>REFERENCES</b>	 <b>52</b>
<b>APPENDIX</b>	<b>58</b>

## LIST OF FIGURES

<b>Figure 3.1:</b> Step-by-Step Iterative Process for Annotating and Classifying Images	24
<b>Figure 3.2:</b> <i>Vogue</i> Runway Designer Database. Retrieved from <a href="http://www.vogue.com/fashion-shows">www.vogue.com/fashion-shows</a> .	25
<b>Figure 3.3:</b> <i>Streetstyle-27K</i> Annotated Dataset of 27,000 Images Acquired From Instagram. Retrieved from Matzen et al., 2017.	26
<b>Figure 3.4:</b> First Iteration of Annotation Tool	27
<b>Figure 3.5:</b> Second Iteration of the Annotation Tool	28
<b>Figure 3.6:</b> Variety of Hats Populated from <i>Vogue Runway</i> Dataset that the Classifier Often Mislabeled Due to Differences from Training Dataset	29
<b>Figure 3.7:</b> Second Iteration to Refine and Retrain Classifier	30
<b>Figure 4.1:</b> Percentage of Baseball-Trucker Hats on Social Media by City and Year	33
<b>Figure 4.2:</b> Number of Baseball-Trucker Hats in Austin, Chicago, LA, NYC, and Seattle from 2013-2016 Compared to All Hat Styles	34
<b>Figure 4.3:</b> Number of Baseball-Trucker Hats Compared to All Hat Styles in the <i>Vogue Runway</i> Dataset from 2000-2018	35
<b>Figure 5.1:</b> Selection of Luxury Baseball-Trucker Hats Available on E-commerce in March 2019. Retrieved from Google Shopping in March 2019.	45
<b>Figure 5.2:</b> Donald Trump (left) Wearing a <i>MAGA</i> Hat During his 2016 Campaign. Photographed by Gage Skidmore. Used Under Creative Commons License. (right) Protestor at 2017 San Francisco Pride Parade Wearing “Make America Gay Again” Hat. Photographed by Pax Ahisma Gethen. Used Under Creative Commons License.	47



## LIST OF TABLES

<b>Table 4.1:</b> Social Media Confusion Matrix Showing Rates of Accuracy	32
<b>Table 4.2:</b> <i>Vogue Runway</i> Dataset Confusion Matrix Showing Rates of Accuracy	32

## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Computer Science (CS)

Fashion Studies (FS)

Machine Learning (ML)

Deep Learning (DL)

Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

The ubiquity of smart phones, social media platforms, and networking sites provide billions of world-wide users the tools to capture and share the minutia of their everyday lives. Digital data acquired from these platforms have arguably become one of the most valuable resources and commodities of the 21st Century. *The Economist* (2017) compared the value of data to that of oil for the previous century, calling it the “fuel of the future” in the data economy (“Fuel of the Future,” 2017). Not unlike oil in its extraction, refinement, and commodification in the global market, digital data has resulted in the creation of new infrastructure and monopolies (“Fuel of the Future,” 2017). Organizations and researchers covet user information, bi-products of the internet boom and digital age, and often obtain data from social media and e-commerce platforms when trying to tap markets and make cultural predictions.

Machine learning (ML) provides the technology to recognize patterns and analyze large image datasets through algorithmic models. Although ML requires refinement, its use as a tool to document and analyze increasingly complex trends shows promise. It is likely as scientists refine ML technology, its adoption across disciplines and industries will dramatically increase and become ubiquitous. Documenting and describing peaks and valleys in the geo-temporality of a trend can potentially help researchers understand the social implications of trend popularity and the potential interaction with concurrent socio-cultural events.

This study applied fine-grained ML for pattern recognition and visualizing trend frequency of baseball-trucker hats, building on Matzen et al.'s (2017) framework for visual trend discovery to analyze clothing and style in large image datasets (Matzen et al., 2017). As a collaborative study between Fashion Scholars (FS) and Computer Scientists (CS), this research illustrated the value of interdisciplinary projects. The author chronicled the frequency of baseball-trucker hats on international fashion runways and in several cities in the United States using two large image datasets populated with images from the *Vogue Runway* database (2000-2018) and the Matzen et al. (2017) *Instagram* dataset (2013-2016) to evaluate the movement and relationship of the hat's distribution on luxury runways and social media (Matzen et al. 2017). The CS researchers built the machine learning technology by creating annotators and classifiers while the author provided the research questions and interpreted the results and findings. The study shows one implementation of high-level concept recognition to map the geo-temporality of the baseball-trucker hat. Tracking the frequency of the trend helps visualize larger patterns in fashion trends and cultural shifts while creating socio-historical records of aesthetics for academia and the fashion industry.

Computer scientists have used fashion as a domain to develop technology for sales forecasting, supply-chain management, e-commerce personalization, and manufacturing, although little research has applied the ML technology to historical and cultural analysis of fashion trends in the social sciences (Guo et al., 2010; Tokumaru and Muranaka, 2008; Cardoso et. al, 2018; Takagi et. al 2017). The disparity of studies and publications among the fields of CS and application of ML for

FS shows a promising contribution to the field of FS. Applying advancing technology to the socio-historical understanding of fashion trends and cultural change may help with the analysis of big data retrieved from social media and digitization of images whether online or in databases not previously used in historical fashion analysis.

The shared desire to advance and implement ML and computer vision in the fashion domain provides a unique opportunity for a symbiotic interdisciplinary inquiry. Quantifying fashion change through pattern recognition is a promising tool for social scientists and industry professionals in understanding larger fashion trends. Through ML, researchers may analyze millions of images in large datasets, recognize patterns in pixelated digital images beyond the capability of the human eye through statistical analysis and probability allowing researchers to visualize cultural change.

### ***Trends, Fads, and Microtrends***

When examining the collective adoption of an accessory such as the baseball-trucker hat by tracking its emergence on the luxury runways and social media it is important to define a trend. A trend in the context of this study is defined as a collective popularity of a fashion aesthetic, lifestyle, or phenomenon over a period of time. Distinguishing between a trend and fad is nebulous, however, in this study a fad is defines as similar to a trend in its collective popularity, however shorter in time, smaller in scale.

For centuries scholars have developed theories to explain the why group develop similar preferences for objects, styles, colors, lifestyles, and phenomenon. Sociologist Herbert Blumer (1969) attributed the of modernity as a factor for individuals to collectively choose one fashion style in turn creating a trend (Blumer,

1969). Blumer (1969) argued that especially during times of chaos or uncertainty in a changing modern society, individuals align with others to cope with uncertainty and find community through shared interest or style (Blumer, 1969). Increased globalization and access to information potentially leads to a rise in concurrent trends and fads and rapid cycling.

Political Strategist Mark Penn (2007) and Kinney Zalesne (2007) argued for a rise in “microtrends” or smaller forces that are simultaneously popular within a smaller percentage of the population but together create changes in society (Penn and Zalesne, 2007). Penn and Zalesne (2007) attributed the ability of microtrends to influence larger movements to the advent of the internet, digitization, and globalization, as well as, to an increase in choice and personalization (Penn and Zalesne, 2007). Through micro trends, smaller groups of individuals selecting a food, fashion style, or phenomenon can trigger a popular movement or niche market (Penn and Zalesne, 2007).

### ***Purpose of the Thesis***

The purpose of this study is to utilize the resources of large image datasets in documenting and visualizing the baseball-trucker hat trend while showing the value of interdisciplinary research between the science and humanities. The ability to quantify trends and document the movement of fashion objects enriches socio-historical analysis and the understanding of fashion change. This research offers a methodology for applying ML to analyzing fashion change geo-temporally: meaning by location geographically over time. The study shows one implementation of high-level concept recognition to map the geo-temporality of a fashion trend. Applying ML to a socio-

cultural analysis can potentially contribute to the development of new theory and evaluation of foundational work.

### ***Machine Learning***

Machine Learning (ML) is a subset of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in which software engineers program computers with algorithmic inputs to learn specific tasks without explicit programming (Rogelberg, 2017). AI is a field within CS in which scientists program computers through mathematical algorithmic formulas to perform human tasks (Butterfield and Ngondi, 2016). In ML computers learn to perform tasks through a “training” dataset with the tasks the programmers want the system to perform (Loudras and Ebert, 2016). Computer vision is a subfield of ML that programs computers to understand and analyze information from digital images or videos (Haaxma-Jurek, 2014). Deep learning (DL) is a subset of ML that specifically layers algorithms to create Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) that perform computer functions (Jordan and Mitchell, 2015). ANNs were designed to mimic the neurological network of the human brain to process information (Wu and Feng, 2018). In other words, programmers are trying to build artificial brains to process information, imitating the way human brains process stimulus in the physical world.

### ***Terminology***

The fashion object chronicled in this study--- the baseball-trucker hat---has a variety of popular names: “baseball cap,” “baseball hat,” “cap,” or by other stylistic variations including “trucker hat,” “gimme cap,” or “company cap” (Kelly, 2018; Lilifors, 2009; Moore, 2016). To include both the baseball and trucker styles, this study will refer to the hat as a *baseball-trucker hat*.

## CHAPTER 2

### REVIEW OF LITERATURE

#### ***Quantifying Fashion Change and Socio-Cultural Phenomenon***

Understanding fashion change over time and the relationship to cultural phenomena became an area of interest to several social scientists in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Sociologist Georg Simmel (1904) wrote about dual processes of imitation and differentiation as promulgators of fashion change, while Psychologist John Carl Flügel (1966) used a psychoanalytical framework to draw connections between fashion change and economic prosperity (Simmel, 1904; Flügel, 1966). Flügel connected economic growth to rapid stylistic change while claiming economic struggle inhibited changes in fashion (Flügel, 1966).

James Laver (1945), Fashion Theorist and Victoria and Albert Museum Costume Keeper (equivalent to collections manager) from 1938-1959, created a list of laws, commonly known as “Laver’s Law,” to understand cyclical change (Laver, 1945). Laver (1945) paired twelve adjectives including “indecent”, “shameless”, “outré” (daring), “smart”, “dowdy”, and “hideous”, with the number of years before or after the trend was stylish to describe fashion trends (Laver, 1945). For instance, a garment might be “indecent” ten years before its time, “daring” one year before being on trend, “hideous” 10 years after its time while “beautiful” 150 years later (Laver, 1945). Laver’s Laws influenced fashion buyers including Stanley Marcus, president of



Neiman Marcus in the 1960s, who often consulted Laver for trend forecasting advice (Marcus, 2001).

Anthropologists Alfred Kroeber (1940) and Jane Richardson (1940) applied a quantitative approach to understand fashion change. Kroeber (1940) and Richardson (1940) manually measured changes in fashion styles (e.g. hemlines, waistlines, and décolletage) in fashion plate illustrations, comparing the patterns of change to concurrent political unrest (Richardson and Kroeber, 1940). Their scholarly inquiry attempted to quantify fashion change through changing silhouettes and to define the relationship between fashion styles and political forces. A major challenge not acknowledged by Kroeber and Richardson was the variability of hand drawn fashion plates, since illustrations are only suggestive of garment silhouette.

After Kroeber (1940) and Richardson's (1940) initial study several social scientists attempted to contribute to and extend the methods with increased accuracy through mathematical modeling. Sociologists Nancy Jack (1948) and Betty Schiffer (1948) built upon Kroeber's methods using photographs instead of drawings from fashion publications to quantify and visualize fashion change (Jack and Schiffer, 1948). Anthropologists John Lowe (1982) and Elizabeth Lowe (1982) applied a mathematical model to analyze historical fashion data of women's evening dresses from 1789 to 1935 and tested the results against new data extending to 1983 to determine its predictability (Lowe and Lowe, 1982). With advancements in ML, scholars can now further this mode of inquiry with intelligent models and use computer vision's precision to document patterns of dress in larger datasets. The

application of ML can help scholars understand the relationship between fashion change, trend adoption, and socio-cultural phenomenon.

Fashion historian Jo B. Paoletti (1982) applied a content analysis to the study of historic costume to understand stylistic fashion change over time. She implemented a systematic and methodical approach, analyzing data from multiple sources through hand or computer sorting combined with descriptive or inferential statistics (Paoletti, 1982). At a time when few costume historians used content analysis, Paoletti employed the method in a comparative study of women's dress from 1875-1885 and in a comparison of men's and women's garment cartoons from 1880 – 1910 (Paoletti, 1982).

Fashion scholar Claudia Kidwell (1978) examined the dress of 18<sup>th</sup> century slaves through computer-assisted content analysis using newspaper advertisements for runaways as her dataset (Kidwell, 1978; Paoletti, 1982). Paoletti described some of the extensive fashion resources for research including advertisements, illustrations, magazines, and newspapers (Paoletti, 1982). Applying ML to Paoletti's use of content analysis for the study of historic costume adapts her model for the digital age.

In the field of CS, Matzen et al. (2017) created a framework for visual trend discovery by applying deep learning to identify re-occurring fashion attributes and used the attributes to label images (Matzen et al., 2017). In the study they analyzed fashion trends across millions of images to create style clusters that show visual similarities and trends among 44 international cities (Matzen et al., 2017). This study applied Matzen et al.'s (2017) framework for analyzing clothing and visualizing trends and used their dataset of clothing annotations, *Streetstyle-27k*, to understand fashion

styles on social media. Matzen et. al. (2017) were one of the first to apply machine learning for large-scale visual trend discovery to understand geo-temporal fashion trends (Matzen et al., 2017).

### ***Mechanisms of Fashion Change***

Looking at the movement of a utilitarian accessory, such as the baseball-trucker hat, from casual wear to the luxury market offers an opportunity to critique and re-examine Economist Thorsten Veblen (1899) and Sociologist Georg Simmel's (1904) theories, now commonly referred to as "trickle-down theory" (Simmel, 1904; Veblen, 1899). In the "trickle-down" model, fashion change is perpetuated by the upper-class through a dialectical engagement between identification and differentiation (Simmel, 1904; Veblen, 1899).

Although wealth and social class were influential factors for fashion change, Simmel and Veblen's theory does not engage with other subject positions beyond class. Veblen describes "conspicuous consumption" in which the upper class created the model for consumption and all lower classes strived to imitate the upper class (Veblen, 1899). Simmel argued the cycle of fashion is perpetuated by the demarcation of class by the wealthy and imitation by the poor (Simmel, 1904). Similar to Anthropologist Edward Sapir's (1931) discussion of fashion and the ego, Simmel argued that fashion supplemented a person's lack of importance by individualizing their existence (Simmel, 1904; Sapir, 1931). Simmel argued that the speed at which fashion changed correlated to the "nervousness" of the age in which people's desire to differentiate increased (Simmel, 1904, 8).

Sociologists Herbert Blumer (1969) and Fred Davis (1994) rejected the “trickle down” theory of fashion change and instead argued for a diffusion of styles based off the development of collective identities (Blumer, 1969; Davis, 1994). Blumer (1969) developed a theory of “collective selection” in which groups of people collectively choose styles to look “modern” as a means of coping with disorder and uncertainty about the future; therefore, fashion allowed individuals to collectively maintain control in response to rapid social change and upheaval (Blumer, 1969). Davis had a similar understanding of the diffusion of fashion styles; however, he attributed fashion change to ambivalence and ambiguities in identity formation when dress becomes a visual metaphor for the Western sense of self (Davis, 1994).

Simmel’s correlation between societal instability and differentiation in dress is similar to Kroeber’s (1919) earlier research, the foundation for his later work with Richardson, regarding driving factors in fashion change (Simmel, 1904). Kroeber (1919) took measurements of women’s dresses from *Petit Courrier des Dames* and *Harper’s Bazaar* from 1844-1919 to draw similarities between the rise and fall of civilizations to the curves and edges in material objects specifically garments (Kroeber, 1919). He argued that fashion change is not arbitrary and although fashion trends seem to change rapidly and without causality there is an order to the change similar to the order of civilizations (Kroeber, 1919, p. 259). Kroeber attributed fashion change to “civilizational determinism” rather than to the individual (Kroeber, 1919, p.261).

Understanding the seminal fashion theory contextualizes the movement of the baseball-trucker hat, utilitarian accessory, in every day wear and the luxury runway.

The baseball-trucker hat is a casual accessory designed to shade the face from the sun while playing baseball and absorb sweat. Fashion theory helps scholars explain why a hat can move between people and communities. Identifying the factors that motivate a group of individuals to collectively wear a baseball-hat beyond the baseball field invites the study of various fashion theories. Examining how scholars have analyzed fashion change in relation to socio-cultural events lays a framework for understanding the frequency of baseball-trucker hats in two social spaces.

## CHAPTER 3

### METHODS

The author employed descriptive and inferential statistics to analyze quantitative data acquired from the ML models. Quantitative research relies on numerical data and empirical inquiry to understand social phenomenon; the author used this method when applying ML to the documentation of a fashion trend (Frey, 2018). The research process began with empirical inquiry by the author and collaborative research with Computer Scientists (CS) to code a digital annotation tool and classifier for fashion trend recognition. Quantitative plots were used to illustrate analytics from the ML algorithmic computation. In the discussion section, the author interpreted social and historical trends, and the impact on luxury and mainstream fashion. Using a descriptive statistical approach, the author described and summarized the quantitative data in graphs, tables, and charts and included a commentary on emerging patterns and cultural significance (Coleman, 2018). The quantitative data extracted from the ML allowed for documentation and understanding trend frequency of baseball-trucker hats among two large image datasets from social media and luxury runways to inform classification for fashion trends and historical analysis.

#### ***Iterative Process***

The research team met bi-weekly from August of 2018 to May of 2019 using an iterative design process to refine the ML software, build taxonomies, test the annotators, and label images to visualize the geo-temporality of the baseball-trucker

hat among social media from 2013-2016 and luxury runways from 2000-2018. The author provided the research questions while the CS refined the Matzen et. al (2017) foundational algorithmic models for trend visualization and visual discovery using high-level concept recognition in ML to recognize objects in the datasets (Matzen et al., 2017). The collaborative work provided mutually beneficial data to understand the movement of fashion trends and inform refinement of the ML technology while documenting the frequency of baseball-trucker hats. The ML quantified the rates of change through analyzing images.

Using descriptive statistics, this research team mapped the geo-temporality of baseball-trucker hats, as they appeared in social media posts from 2013-2016 and international runways (full list of designers listed in appendix) from 2000-2018. The CS collaborators created the datasets by populating images from Instagram and *Vogue Runway* to feed to the annotator tool for labeling. In the first annotation tool images were non-labeled, meaning they did not have associated tags telling the computer the subject of the image. The goal of this annotator was to allow the author and CS to manually train the data through the tool and label upper body images as “having hats,” “no hats”, or “baseball-trucker hats.” Once the author and CS labeled the initial training dataset the CS fed the images to the classifier to establish the parameters for identifying a baseball-trucker hat. After the classifier labeled a series of images the second annotation tool validated the classifiers results and checked for accuracy (See Figure 3.1 for process).

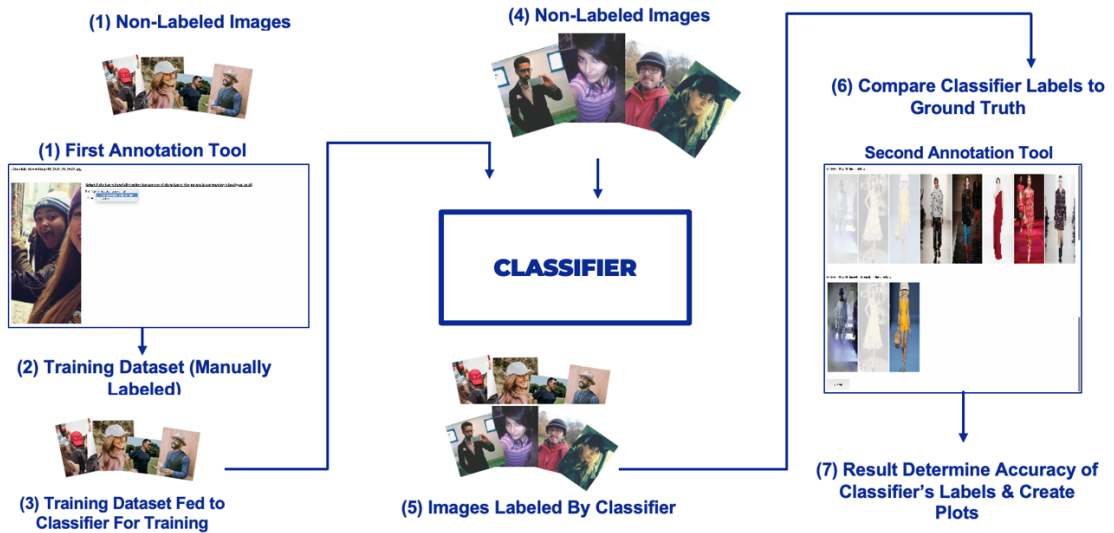


Figure 3.1: Step-by-step Iterative Process for Annotating and Classifying Images

### ***Vogue Runway Dataset***

The author chose the *Vogue Runway* archive from Vogue.com to populate the luxury market dataset (see figure 3.2 below). The dataset included approximately 576,907 runway images from the year 2000 to 2018. The *Vogue Runway* is an open access digital archive indexing designer runway shows from global fashion weeks. Vogue.com organizes the runway shows by season and designer with each collection look listed in a digital slideshow. The archive begins in 1989, although the runway coverage significantly increased around the early aughts with the ubiquity of digital photography. According to the *Business of Fashion* (2019) *Vogue* initially listed runway shows only reviewed by *Vogue* journalists; however, in 2019 *Vogue* began offering a subscription model to allow brands, upon editorial approval, to pay upwards of \$20,000 per year for index inclusion of images but without journalist coverage (Fernandez, 2019). Since the pay-for-coverage model began the reported collections



included on Vogue.com increased from 445 to 480 in Spring of 2019 (Fernandez, 2019).

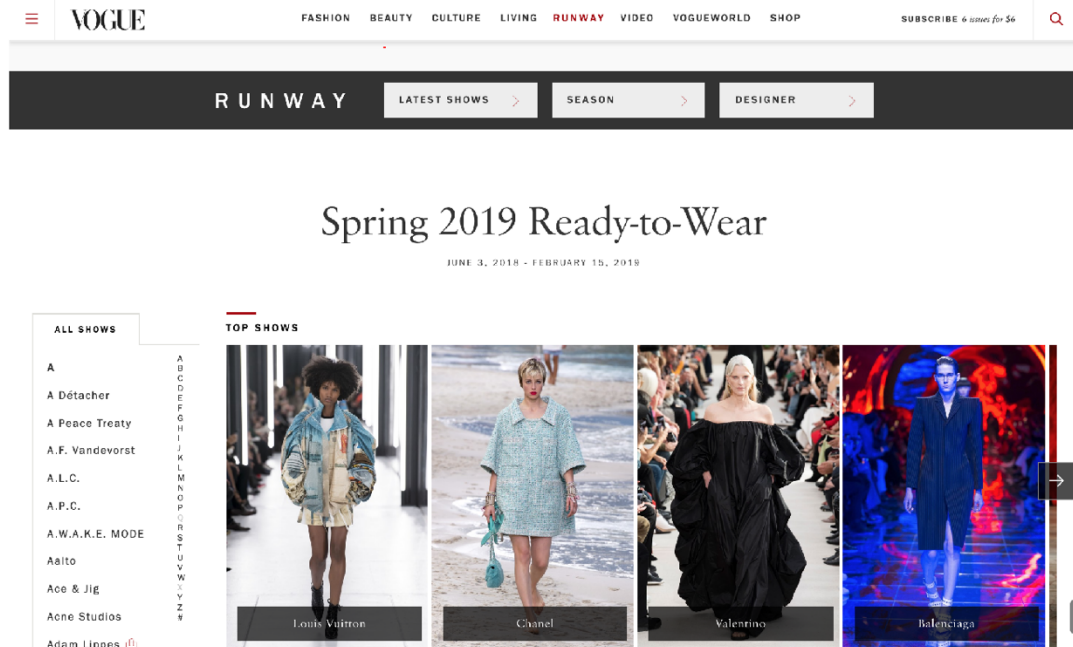


Figure 3.2: *Vogue* Runway Designer Database Screenshot. Retrieved from [www.vogue.com/fashion-shows](http://www.vogue.com/fashion-shows).

### ***Instagram Dataset***

The second dataset chosen to represent images on social media and everyday wear was populated from the *Streetsyle27-k*, an annotated dataset of 27,000 images acquired from the social media photo sharing platform Instagram (see figure 3.3 below). The dataset created by Matzen et al. (2017) contains clothing attribute tags and geolocation and timestamps from June 2013 to June 2016 for 27,000 images with label annotations from the original 100 million photographs sampled (Matzen et al., 2017). The cities sampled in the data were based upon the geolocation tags already in the dataset of USA cities including Austin, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, and Seattle. Each city had 100,000 images with a total of 500,000 images for all five

cities. The dataset was limited to 2013-2016 due to changes in Instagram’s legal policy. After 2016 Instagram only made public user data available through purchase.



Figure 3.3: *Streetstyle-27K* an Annotated Dataset of 27,000 images from Instagram. Retrieved from Matzen et al., 2017.

### ***First Annotation Tool***

The first annotation tool presented individual images of upper bodies to distinguish the category of hats worn by individuals in each image (see figure 3.4 below). The purpose of the first annotation tool was to manually label images and distinguish between visored and un-visored hats to help the computer understand what type of shapes to recognize. The computer analyzed the labels created by the author and CS from the annotation tool in order to detect similar shapes when presented with additional non-labeled images. CS aggregated non-labelled images from *StreetStyle-27k*, image sharing site Flickr, and Google Image of the upper body to feed to the

annotator for labeling. The author and CS labeled approximately 1000 images through the tool by selecting the label from a drop-down menu presenting the options “baseball-trucker hat,” “not baseball-trucker hat,” or “no hat.” This process gave the foundational “training data” to the computer to identify the qualities of a hat, baseball-trucker hat, and no hat.

../hatsfr\_dataset/neg/43\_2015\_01\_0625.jpg

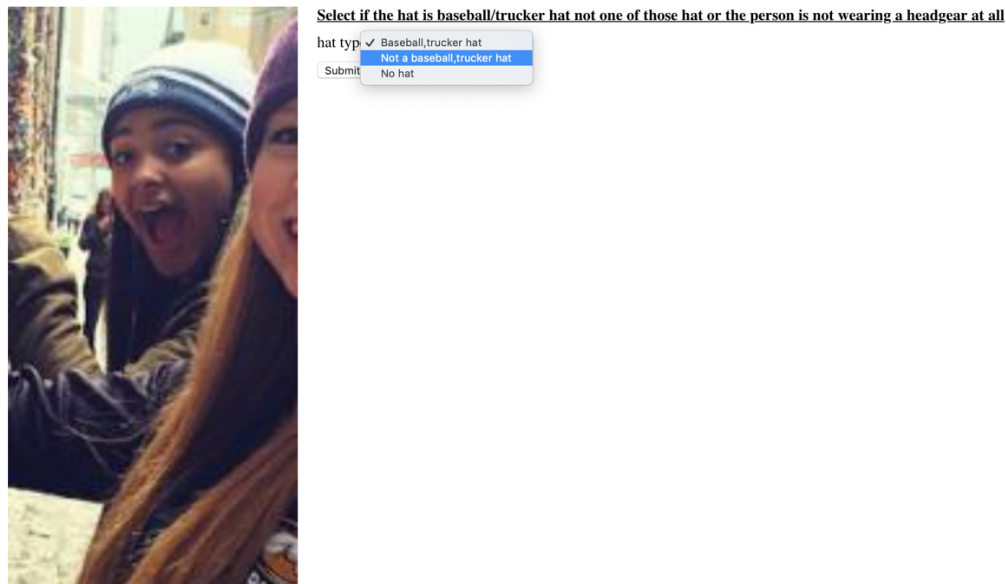


Figure 3.4: First Iteration of Annotation Tool

### ***Second Annotation Tool***

The interface for the second iteration of the annotation tool evolved to include eight images instead of one allowing for efficient labeling of multiple images (see figure 3.5 below). Instead of a single image the second annotation tool presented eight images with full body runway looks populated from the *Vogue Runway* dataset. The second iteration of annotation occurred to collect a “ground truth” in testing the accuracy of the training data’s classification (i.e. whether or not the classified images were accurate) for the *Vogue Runway* dataset. Understanding the “ground truth” is

critical to evaluate the accuracy of the resulting plots. The author and CS selected the images with hats by clicking on each image creating a visible filter which lowered the image saturation. The selected images of hats from the top row appeared below the top images prompting the author to click images with baseball-trucker hats. The author and CS labeled approximately 1,720 images in the first iteration.

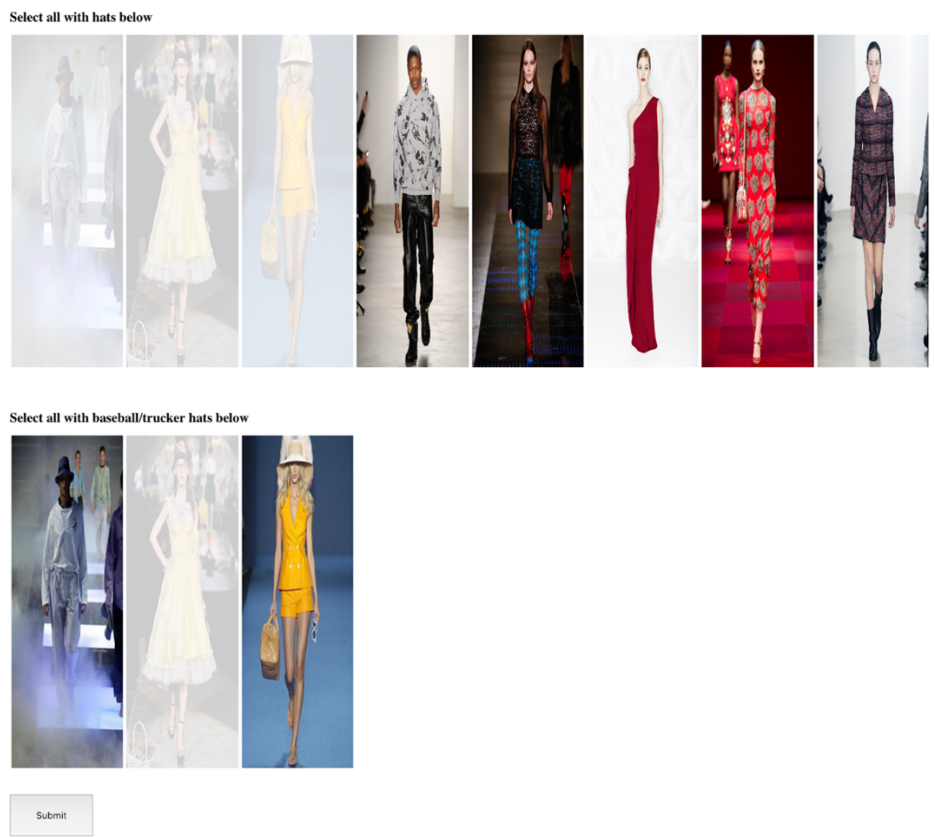


Figure 3.5: Second Iteration of the Annotation Tool Screenshot.

### ***Ongoing Refinement and Validation***

After the running images through the first iteration of the classifier several misclassifications were identified and the rate of accuracy for the *Vogue Runway* images was below average. The classifier performed poorly on the *Vogue Runway* dataset; however, the classifier calibrated for images similar to the training set which included Instagram images from *Streetstyle-27k*, and Google search images. The

difference in the images populated from the *Streetstyle-27k* and Google images versus those appearing in the *Vogue Runway* potentially created the difference in classifier performance. Since the training dataset had one orientation (i.e. front facing and traditional visor shape) the images that appeared on the runway were sometimes tilted or hybrid styles causing them to be misclassified or inaccurately labeled. The CS researchers found mis-labeled images (see figure 3.6 below) due to variations in hat orientation or the presence of hybrid hats containing certain characteristics of baseball-trucker hats but not all. The figure below shows eight types of hats that the tool misclassified due to differences from the initial training dataset. The classification of hybrid styles were not taken into consideration during the initial training process nor were images of hats where the visor bill is hard to identify. The consideration of changing hybrid styles is a topic outlined for further research.



Figure 3.6: Variety of Hats Populated from *Vogue Runway* Dataset that the Classifier Often Mislabeled Due to Differences from Training Dataset

### ***Modifications and Adjustments***

In order to address the recognition issues, the CS team re-trained the classifier with images similar to the misclassified images. By labeling images with additional



orientations and hybrid styles the ML tool recognized variations from the standard hat images. The CS researchers also looked at the images classified and misclassified by the current iteration of the classification tool from the runway images, re-labeled them, and retrained the classifier with the newly labeled images.

### ***Second Iteration***

The CS initiated a second iteration of the annotation and classification process (see Figure 3.7 below). In order to refine the classifier, the CS fed non-labeled images into the current classifier and isolated the images only labeled as having hats. Once those images were isolated they were re-fed into the annotation tool and labeled by researchers in order to retrain the classifier. Once the classifier was retrained to recognize hybrid hat styles and alternate orientations it re-labeled the *Vogue Runway* dataset and created the quantitative plots results.

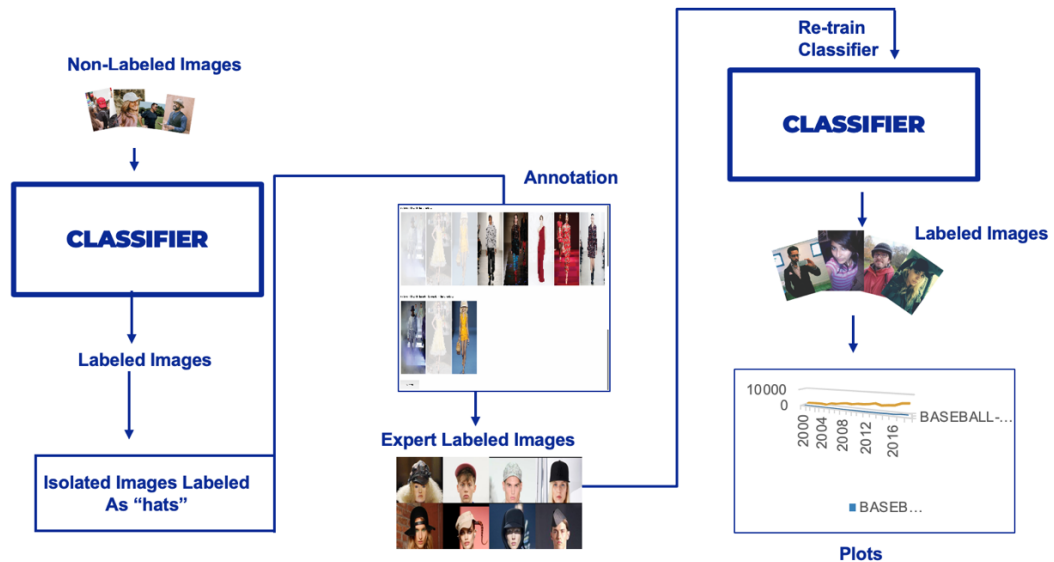


Figure 3.7: Second Iteration to Refine and Retrain Classifier Tool

## CHAPTER 4

### RESULTS

The ML annotators and classifiers identified images and categorized results into visual plots with high rates of accuracy. The plots reflected the frequency of baseball-trucker hats compared to other hat styles on the luxury runway from 2000-2018 in the *Vogue Runway* dataset and the social media posts from 2013-2016 in the *Instagram* dataset. Below are the plots showing the frequency of baseball-trucker hats in the five US cities surveyed compared to other hats in the *Instagram* dataset followed by the frequency of baseball-trucker hats separated by city. The dataset for the plots includes the *Instagram* dataset quantifying the frequency of baseball-trucker hats in Austin, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, and Seattle. The author only surveyed United States cities among social media images to narrow the scope of the study while the five cities surveyed were the only US cities documented in the *Instagram* dataset from Matzen et al. (2017). The last plot shows the frequency of baseball-trucker hats compared to other styles of hats from 2000-2018 in the *Vogue Runway* dataset.

#### ***Rates of Accuracy***

The confusion matrixes in the tables below show the rates of accuracy for the classifier among the social media dataset from Instagram and the luxury runway dataset from the *Vogue Runway*. The social media had an overall accuracy rate of 92.18% while the *Vogue Runway* dataset had an overall accuracy rate of 97.96%.

## Confusion Matrix

Each row is one category in true data (i.e. the label that the human researcher gave to the image) and each column represents classifier's response. The green boxes represent the rates of accuracy while the red boxed represent the inaccuracies. The percentages in the green boxes should be high since those represent the rate at which the manual research label matches the label of the classifier.

### Social Media Overall Rate of Accuracy = 92.18%

	Classified as No Hats	Classified as Other Hats	Classified as Baseball-Trucker
True No Hats	96.385542	3.614458	0
True Other Hats	1.709402	88.888889	9.401709
True Baseball-Trucker Hats	0	8.943089	91.056911

Table 4.1: Social Media Confusion Matrix Showing Rates of Accuracy

### Vogue Runway Overall Rate of Accuracy = 87.96%

	Classified as No Hats	Classified as Other Hats	Classified as Baseball-Trucker
True No Hats	93.842365	6.157635	0
True Other Hats	3.282828	87.878788	8.838384
True Baseball-Trucker Hats	0.49505	17.326733	82.178218

Table 4.2: *Vogue Runway* Dataset Confusion Matrix Showing Rates of Accuracy



## Plots

### Percentage of Baseball Trucker Hats in All US Cities on Social Media from 2013-2016

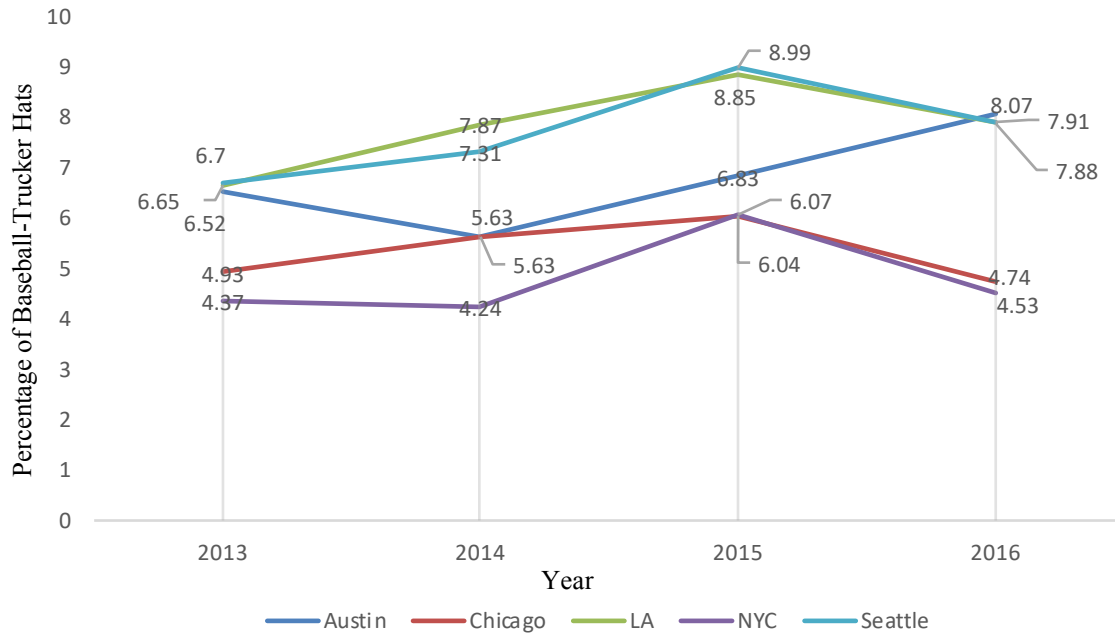


Figure 4.1: Percentage of Baseball-Trucker Hats on Social Media by City and Year

The line graph above shows the percentage of baseball-trucker hats on social media by year and city. The Y-axis represents the percentage while the X-axis represents the year and each colored line represents a city. The overall frequency of baseball-trucker hats among all images of hats on the Instagram dataset was low from 4.37%-6.67% and the annual fluctuations followed similar patterns in all five cities. The lowest percentage of baseball-trucker hats among all images of hats was in New York City and the highest percentage of baseball-trucker hats was in Los Angeles.

### **Number of Baseball-Trucker Hats Compared to All Hats on Social Media by City 2013-2016**

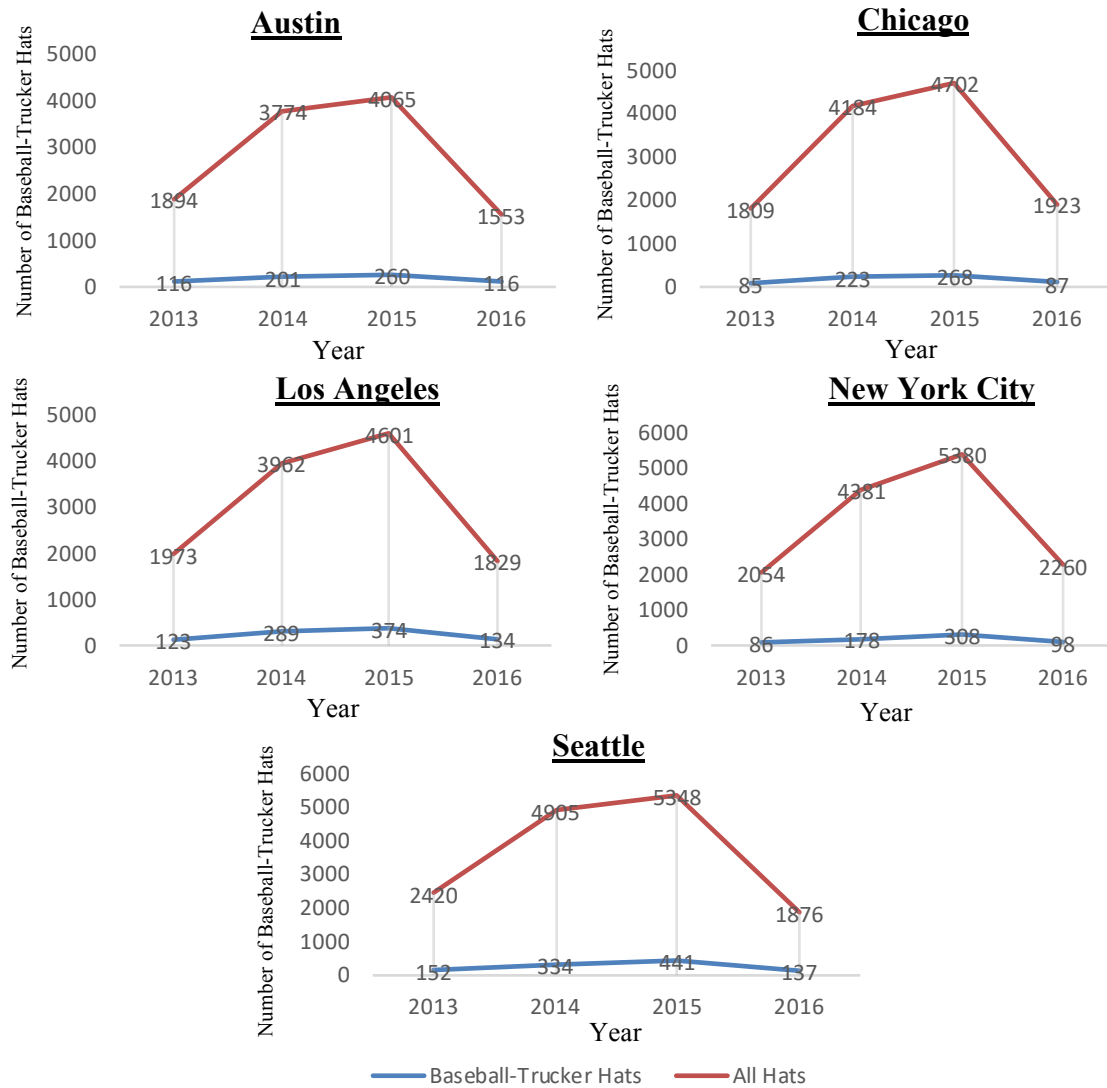


Figure 4.2: Number of Baseball-Trucker Hats in Austin, Chicago, LA, NYC, and Seattle from 2013-2016

Figure 4.2 shows the number of baseball-trucker hats in the US cities surveyed by year from 2013-2016. The Y-axis represents the number of hats, the X-axis represents the year. The frequency of baseball-trucker hats among all images of hats was low although the annual fluctuation was similar among all cities surveyed. Seattle had the most baseball-trucker hats from 2013-2016 with 1,064 appearing on the social

media dataset followed by Los Angeles with 920, Chicago with 920, Austin with 693, and New York City with 647.

### Number of Baseball-Trucker Hats on the Vogue Runway Compared to All Hat Styles from 2000-2018

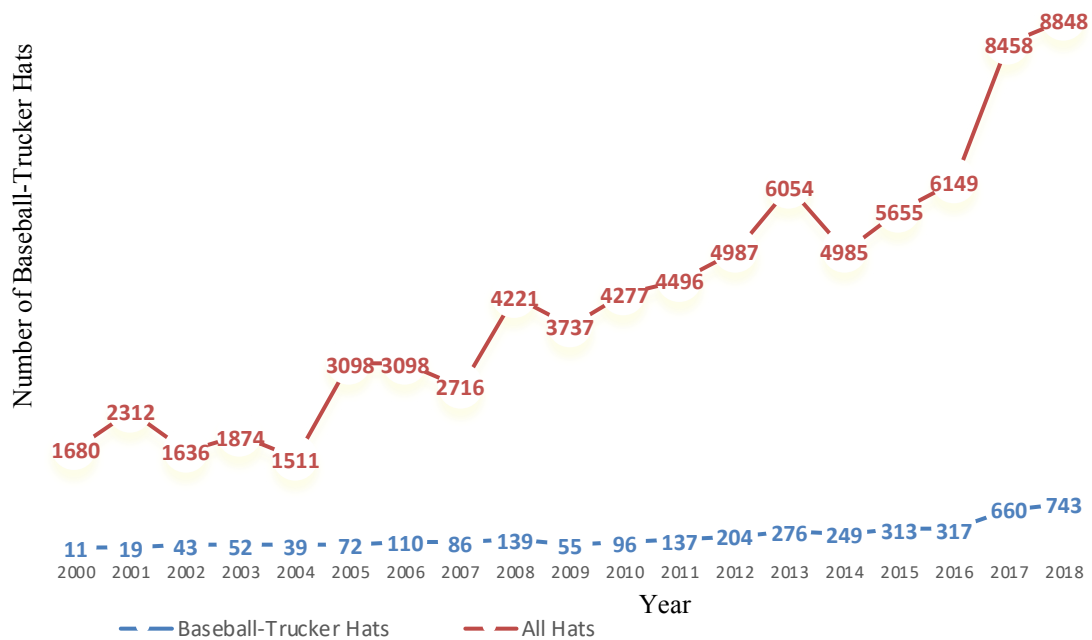


Figure 4.3: Number of Baseball-Trucker Hats Compared to All Hat Styles in the *Vogue Runway* Dataset from 2000-2018.

The final plot, figure 4.3, is the second iteration of the classifier results which shows the number of baseball-trucker hats compared to all hat styles in the *Vogue Runway* dataset from 2000-2018. From 2000-2008 baseball-trucker hats appeared on the runway although they did not dramatically increase annually. From 2009 to 2018 there was a slow but steady annual increase of baseball-trucker hats. There with a large spike from 2016 to 2017 where baseball-trucker hats doubled from 317 to 660 total hats. The number of total hats on the runway annually increased although the increase was not continuous. The baseball-trucker hats were a small percentage of total hats on the runway but were present every year from 2000-2018.

## CHAPTER 5

### DISCUSSION

The plots show a low frequency of baseball-trucker hats with similar annual fluctuations by city on social media and a rise in baseball trucker hats from 2008 to 2018 with a spike in 2016 to 2017 on the luxury runway. According to the plots of the Instagram images the frequency of baseball-trucker hats remained fairly constant during the four-year period from 2013-2016 although the frequency of the hats on the luxury runway started to annually increase around 2008 through 2018 with a spike in 2016 to 2017. Several cultural factors could have increased the popularity of the hats and contributed to their appearance on the luxury market. The economic crash in 2008 could have led to a rise in casual and understated styles; furthermore, the rise of the luxury baseball-trucker hat may fit under the stylistic trends of *Normcore* and *Athleisure*, and streetstyle. The popularization of the “Make America Great Again” (MAGA) baseball hat worn by Donald Trump in his 2016 presidential campaign also potentially contributed to the popularity of baseball caps (Parker, 2017).

#### ***Global Economic Crash***

The global economic crash started in 2008, the largest recession since the 1930s, had global repercussion extending into all markets including the fashion industry (Solman, 2018; Cassidy, 2018). Millions of Americans lost their homes, jobs, and retirement savings (Cassidy, 2018). Following the collapse, fashion buyers placed smaller orders with fears that customers would shop conservatively during the

recession (Wilson, 2008; Cartner-Morley, 2008). The *Vogue Runway* dataset shows a steady rise in baseball-trucker hats in 2008 rising each year until 2018. The increase of a functional accessory could signify a possible shift in luxury fashion towards utility as the global economy declined. Even if a customer was able to afford a luxury item during the financial crisis, wearing fine garments and luxurious goods might be less appealing during a time when the majority of Americans were struggling to pay bills and recover their homes. Wealthy Americans might want to dress inconspicuously, blend in, or not draw attention to their privilege. More affordable accessories might be more appealing to customers no longer able to afford higher priced items but wanting to turn to fashion as a form of escape or recreation.

The *Instagram* dataset plots show a steady frequency of baseball-trucker hats compared to all hats styles in the US cities surveyed in the study, although, the same frequency is not present on the *Vogue Runway* dataset. Of the cities surveyed Austin, Texas was the only city with a slight increase in baseball-trucker hats from 2015 to 2016, a time when GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump wore a “Make America Great Again” hat to campaign rallies, perhaps representative of the state’s conservative political leanings. Los Angeles, New York City, Seattle, and Chicago had minor decreases in baseball-trucker hat frequency from 2015 to 2016 and minor increases each year from 2013 to 2015 followed by a minor drop in 2016.

### ***Normcore, Athleisure, and Streetwear***

The rise of baseball-trucker hats in the luxury market is not surprising considering several cultural trends including *Normcore*, *Athleisure*, the popularity of streetstyle, and dressing ironically. There is scant documentation of *Normcore* among

academic scholarship; however, the artist collective K-hole, as well as, several popular press publications including *Vogue* and the *New York Times* have documented the trend (Youth Mode, 2013; “Normcore,” 2018; Williams, 2017). *Normcore* is a portmanteau, a combination of the words “normal” and “hardcore”, according to *Vogue* (2018) a term used to describe a style of ironic non-descript aesthetic that signifies the intent to appear normal (“Normcore,” 2018). *Vogue* attributed the phrase *Normcore* to art-collective and forecasting group K-hole’s 2013 trend report titled *Youth Mode: A Report on Freedom*. (“Normcore,” 2018; Youth Mode, 2013) K-hole describes *Normcore* as a “post-authenticity coolness that opts into sameness” which “capitalizes on the possibility of misinterpretation as an opportunity for connection — not as a threat to authenticity” (Youth Mode, 2013, 28). *Normcore* is about wearing off brand items to appear ironically bland, a deliberate decision embracing the anti-trend. The baseball-trucker hats fit into the normcore uniform of supportive sneakers, plain t-shirts, and simple inconspicuous garments.

The inconspicuous displays of wealth through sportswear and leisure clothing, associated with *Normcore*, aligns with the style of technology giants Jeff Bezos of Amazon, Bill Gates of Microsoft, and Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook: some of the richest men in the world according to *Forbes Magazine* (Kroll and Dolan, 2019). Could the rising wealthy class of tech giants influence the popularity of inconspicuous clothing and changing trends towards luxury sportswear or are there other socio-cultural events during the late aughts influencing the shifting styles? Perhaps with a growing wealth discrepancy there is a desire to hide wealth and consume inconspicuously or perhaps the wealthiest people in the world of the tech industry are

less occupied with dress and appearance? Mark Zuckerberg and Steve Jobs famously wore uniforms of jeans and t-shirt perhaps to minimize efforts in appearance or because of a lack of interest in self-fashioning.

*Athleisure*, a compound of “athletic” and “leisure,” is a recent clothing category dominating the market since the 2010s consisting of casual sweats, yoga compression pants, as well as, other athletic garments worn outside of the gym or outdoor recreational locales (Green, 2017, Thompson, 2018). *Athleisure* has shifted from a trend category to a lifestyle of “wellness” and leisurewear is possibly tied to the rise of the gig economy consisting of independent contractors and freelancing (Salfino, 2017). Baseball-trucker caps, moving from a sports uniform to a leisure staple, compliments the *Athleisure* aesthetic.

Morgan Stanley expects the *Athleisure* and “activewear” market to grow to \$83 billion by 2020 from its current estimate at \$44 billion and rising (Wilson, C., 2018; “The Athleisure Trend is Here to Stay,” 2016) Luxury brands infiltrated the activewear market, as brands like Givenchy, Off-White, and Gucci have designed casual sportswear (Wilson, C., 2018). Sportswear brand Adidas collaborated with a plethora of luxury designers including Stella McCartney, Raf Simmons, Yohji Yamamoto for Y-3, Kanye West for Yeezy, Rick Owens, and Ricardo Tisci (Johnson, 2014). Nike also thrives on luxury designer collaborations which have included Louis Vuitton’s creative director Virgil Abloh, Commes des Garçons creator Rei Kawakubo, Dior’s creative director Kim Jones, and Balmain’s Olivier Rousteing (Wolf, 2018).

Although the dominance of *Athleisure* in the fashion industry seemed sudden, the shift in casual American dress codes has been gradual. Although fashion scholars

have not officially applied the term *Athleisure*, Fashion Historians Elizabeth Wilson (2003), Jennifer Craik (2005), and Diedra Clemente (2014) are among the scholars who have chronicled the slow integration of sportswear, leisure, and recreation into everyday dress (Wilson, 2003; Craik, 2005; Clemente, 2014). Wilson (2003) discussed the changing women's fashion silhouette in the 20<sup>th</sup> century as sports became elevated and women desired athletic physiques and active lifestyles (Wilson, 2003). Craik (2005) attributes the rise in athletic wear to several factors including the development of advanced synthetic fabrics like nylon, Lyrca®, and acrylics, industrialization, political shifts like the rising women's movement, and shifting concepts of modernity and progress (Craik, 2005). She also acknowledged the mix of streetwear and sportswear among American basketball players and hip-hop especially through Nike and Michael Jordan's collaborative Air Jordan shoes (Craik, 2005). She noted the adoption of Nike sportswear by the club and raver scene of the 1990s (Craik, 2005). Craik (2005) discussed the 20<sup>th</sup> century rise of looser-fitting clothing, desire for functionality and comfort, sports-inspired casual clothes including increase in baseball caps (Craik, 2005).

Clemente (2014) chronicled the rise of sportswear and contemporary casual dress codes through the influence of leisure in American collegiate dress from the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century to the present (Clemente, 2014). She attributed the modern American "casual" wardrobe to trends popularized on college campuses rooted in utilitarianism and comfort, blurring lines of class and democratizing clothing by removing visible markers of demarcation (Clemente, 2014). Clemente credited the widespread adoption of a new "casual" attire and shifting dress codes to American college students



especially the middle-class men, often less regulated than their female counterparts, who were able to push the boundaries of appropriate collegiate dress (Clemente, 2014). Whether beginning with the integration of women into sports and recreation, industrialization and technological advances in textiles, or a rising casual aesthetic popularized on college campuses culminating in a multi-billion-dollar market, athletic wear has evolved over the past hundred years in American history.

### ***From Luxury to Ideological Team and “Imagined Communities”***

Anthropologist William Kelly (2018) and Fashion Historian Jennifer Craik (2005) examined the shift of sports clothing from athletics to everyday wear through the history of sportswear and American clothing. (Kelly, 2018; Craik, 2005). Craik argued that sports clothing has been integral to youth identification back to the 1950s attributing the rise of sportswear to the development of synthetic fabrics (e.g. Lycra®, nylon) (Craik, 2005). She credited Prada for popularizing nylon in the 1990s in luxury fashion (Craik, 2005; Handley, 1999).

Headwear was historically a visible marker for social class distinction in the United States and Britain, although the baseball cap was a transitional accessory that blurred the class divide when professional coaches began wearing team hats in lieu of top hats (Kelly, 2018; Crane, 2000). Perhaps the frequency of an arguably lower-class item on a luxury runway documents the blurring of class distinctions and changes in luxury fashion. The shift arguably signifies a new luxury market offering more accessible items to young “fans” of the brand. Craik (2005) argued that sports uniforms including caps influenced a growing leisure aesthetics (Craik 2005). Baseball-trucker hats are more financially accessible, durable, and can withstand more

wear than garments. Hats are often less likely to be purchased through second-hand retailers thus increasing direct sales with a brand. The branded hats provide a form of advertising, acting as a walking billboard for brands while customers align their identities with the brand's aesthetic.

The baseball cap increased in frequency through a series of cultural shifts and branding decisions beginning with the rise of Little League baseball in the 1950s and the distribution of free branded caps in the 1970s (Kelly, 2018). The hat transitioned from professional sportswear to everyday wear during the popularization of Little League baseball in the 1950s when kids and their parents began wearing caps to support their teams (Kelly, 2018). By the 1970s corporations and institutions, like John Deere and Budweiser, distributed free caps with plastic adjustable straps as an opportunity for marketing and visibility and people started to wear the free branded hats as they were utilitarian and convenient (Liliefors, 2009; Kelly, 2018). Kelly argued that wearing the hat created a sense of performativity to exist within an "imagined community" and that wearing the baseball hat in the context of a game or otherwise shows a sense of support (Kelly, 2018, 272). He discussed the hats' crossover beyond sports games and into everyday life, identifying the influence of the hip-hop community starting in the South Bronx in the early 1970s (Kelly, 2018). The baseball hat has now entered luxury fashion and is an ideal medium to display messaging and show luxury brand allegiance for young "fans," moving a long way from the baseball field.

Kelly's (2018) analysis of hat adoption in everyday wear as an allegiance to an "imagined community" can be applied to the luxury market in examining brand allegiance and affiliation (Kelly, 2018). Whether through Gucci or Balenciaga, an

individual can signal their allegiance to a particular brand that represents their style. Most luxury brands make their greatest profits from the sale of accessories like handbags, shoes, and beauty products (Chung, 2017; Bain 2017). Fashion consultancy firms Exame BNP Paribas and VR Fashion Luxury Expertise reported in 2017 that luxury clothing is a “brand-defining core category,” but is not profitable (Conti, 2017). Luxury brands lose money on their clothing, especially when few customers will purchase items at full price (Bain, 2017). Guram Gvasalia, CEO of Vetements and creative director of Balenciaga, ended Vetements runway shows in 2017 and told *Women’s Wear Daily* (2017), that “today shows have nothing to do with clothes anymore, most of the looks are not even produced and never get to the shop floor. Shows are there merely to sell a dream that at the end of the day will sell a perfume or a wallet in a duty-free store” (“Amid Runway Overload,” 2017). Previous CEO of Calvin Klein, Tom Murray discussed Calvin Klein’s business model with *Business of Fashion’s* Imran Amed (2011) and emphasized the value of ready-to-wear clothing to create an aura for the brand despite being unprofitable and therefore more of a marketing expense (Amed, 2011). For many luxury brands, relying on the profits of clothing is unreliable and often a liability.

Several luxury brands, including Louis Vuitton and Balenciaga, have recently hired young creative directors known for a casual streetstyle aesthetic. *Ad Week* (2018) reported on Instagram’s influence on the rise of streetstyle in luxury fashion as brands have begun to tap into Instagram trends (Sulima, 2018). Louis Vuitton appointed Virgil Abloh, founder of Off-White and friend of rapper Kanye West, as their creative director in 2018 (Friedman and Paton, 2018). Balenciaga recently appointed Guram

Gvasalia; both designers are contributing to a changing concept of luxury (Sulima, 2018). According to *Business Insider* (2017) streetwear has boosted global luxury sales and luxury's customer base is likewise changing, from an older to a younger generation (Barry, 2017). A 2017 study from Bain & Company estimated that high-end street wear helped boost global sales by 5% to \$309 billion in 2017 and brands are investing more in Instagram marketing and influencers (Barry, 2017). The report documented a \$2.5 million market for luxury t-shirts and half a billion market for sneakers, unusual for the luxury market (Barry, 2017).

Producing more affordable products like hats or shoes give young “fans” an opportunity to support their favorite brand. Instagram and streetstyle potentially influenced that changing luxury market that caters to Millennials and Gen Z'ers. McKinsey & Company defined Millennials as individuals born between mid-1980s to 2000s and Gen Z as those born between the year 1995 to 2010 (Frances and Hoefel, n.d.) Millennials and Gen Z'ers might not be able to afford the clothing with thousand-dollar price tags but are able to save for \$300 or \$700 items (Frances and Hoefel, n.d.). *Forbes* (2018) reported on the rising spending power of Millennial shoppers, while the CEO of Kering, Francois-Henri Pinault said Millennials and Gen Z'ers account for almost 50% of Gucci's net sales (Primo, 2018). Gucci's recent collection of baseball and trucker caps, sneakers, and re-issue of the logo T-shirt offer young consumers relatively lower priced items that can be worn every day. Producing ready-to-wear accessories catering to Millennial representation is key to satisfying the customer base. Deloitte (2017) reported that Millennials are less interested in the previous generations

outward displays of wealth and strive for authenticity and ethical production (“Bling it On”, 2017).

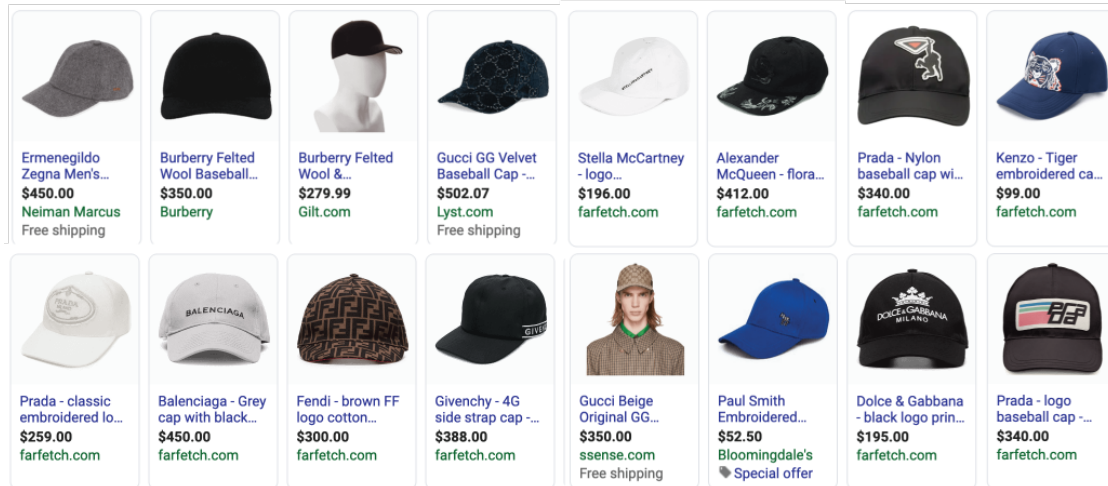


Figure 5.1: Selection of Luxury Baseball- Trucker Hats Available on E-commerce in March 2019. Retrieved from Google Shopping in March 2019.

Alessandro Michele, creative director of Gucci, was the first to officially bridge the sports merchandise and luxury fashion through a 2018 collaboration with the Major League Baseball (MLB) but not the first to collaborate with MLB and push the boundaries of sports licensing (Bobb, 2017; Kelly, 2018). The Pre-Fall 2018 collection marked MLB’s first collaboration with a luxury brand featuring a series of Gucci baseball hats with the NY Yankee insignia (see figure 5.3) paired with silk embroidered gowns, embracing the juxtaposition of luxury tailored garments and causal sportswear (Bobb, 2017; Fischer 2017; Estiler 2018) Although Gucci was the first luxury brand to adopt the Yankees logo, director Spike Lee was the first celebrity granted a special exception to the Yankee licensing code when he was issued a red Yankees hat outside of the team colors (Kelly, 2018). In 1996 Lee requested the red hat instead of the traditional navy to match his red Yankees jacket (see figure 5.4 below) and wore the hat to the 1996 World Series sparking a change in sports

licensing (Kelly, 2018; Patterson, 2015). In 2016 New Era re-issued the red Yankees hat through a collaborative collection with Lee titled “1996,” offering four styles inspired by the original 1996 red hat (Cardiner, 2014). When Gucci released the MLB collaboration, Lee wore a full Gucci ensemble including his classic red Yankees cap to the 75<sup>th</sup> Venice Film Festival.

### ***Politics and the “MAGA” Hat***

Another simultaneous baseball hat phenomenon occurred on the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign trail when Republican nominee Donald Trump wore a red visored hat with white embroidered lettering “Make America Great Again” (Kelly, 2018). The hat has become known by its acronym and called the MAGA hat (Kelly, 2018). Appealing to working-class America, Trump wore and distributed MAGA hats at explosive rallies and charged public engagements while several media outlets reported on the hat’s emblematic symbol MAGA as suggestive of racism and bigotry (Bailey, 2019). The phrase “Make America Great Again” was a slogan Trump adopted from President Ronald Reagan and the iconic red hat became a symbol of American pride while also signifying the wearer’s affiliation with President Trump’s bigoted policies and statements (Abcarian, 2019; Givhan, 2019). The hats have incited violence as many people wearing the hats have attacked others or been victims of attack (Parker, n.d). Millennials have ironically co-opted the style according to the *New York Times* (2015) in trendy neighborhoods like Brooklyn or Silverlake replacing the MAGA slogan with humorous phrases (Parker, 2017).

Rapper and fashion designer Kanye West supported Trump through a series of tweets on the social media site Twitter, wore a slightly stylized MAGA hat on visits to

the oval office, during concerts, and on *Saturday Night Live* causing controversy among the hip-hop, rap, and liberal Hollywood communities (Haas, 2019; Placido, 2018). Whether inciting patriotism, hope, violence, irony, or humor, the iconic MAGA hat has likely contributed to the popularization and increasing trend of visored caps.

In some ways the appearance of the baseball-trucker hat, an object meant to absorb sweat and resist stains, specifically designed for the street, the field, or sun, is antithetical to the concept of luxury and runway. However, the hat's appearance as a luxury item can be justified considering the fallout of the financial crisis and shifts towards casual dress codes promoting leisure and recreation. The influence of streetstyle and casual clothing paved the way for the adoption of the baseball hat among historically formal spaces like the fashion runway.



Figure 5.2: Donald Trump (left) Wearing a *MAGA* Hat During His 2016 Campaign Photographed by Gage Skidmore. Used Creative Commons. (right) Protestor at 2017 San Francisco Pride Parade wearing “Make America Gay Again” hat photograph by Pax Ahisma Gethen. Used Under Creative Commons.

## CHAPTER 6

### CONCLUSION

#### *Summary of Results*

Social scientists including Richardson (1940) and Kroeber (1940), Jack (1948) and Schiffer (1948), Lowe (1982) and Lowe (1982) have systematically attempted to quantify fashion change in relation to cultural phenomenon. ML provides a new opportunity to explore extremely large image datasets (Richardson and Kroeber, 1940; Jack and Schiffer, 1948; Lowe and Lowe, 1982). Combined with socio-cultural interpretation of trends, fashion studies scholars will be able to explore new theories, document fashion history, and provide trend analysis of the data presented through ML. Matzen et al. (2017) developed the framework and software for visual trend discovery which laid the foundation for the research and provided the tools and technology to recognize patterns among the large image datasets (Matzen et al., 2017). This study applied ML for pattern recognition through interdisciplinary research conducted between Computer Scientists and Fashion Scholars showing a rise in baseball-trucker hats on the luxury runway not previously seen before 2008. This rise in causal sports caps on the luxury market aligned with several popular streetstyle trends, the 2016 presidential campaign, among other economic and social influences.

ML is not able to currently predict trends; however, it quantifies and documents the frequency of past trends, making it a useful tool to study patterns in culture through aesthetics. The resulting data relies on scholarly interpretation and will enrich socio-cultural analysis in fashion theory. Although ML algorithms offer



valuable information they are not currently predictive or conclusive without a human analyst to synthesize the data and form conclusions.

### ***Limitations***

*Computer Literacy.* There was a learning curve for understanding key Computer Science concepts which was initially challenging. The communication across disciplines challenged the researchers as the CS team spent time explaining the tools and other basic CS principles to the author.

*Fashion Object Selection.* There were limitations to the fashion object selection due to limitations of the ML tool in analyzing full body images. Most of the images in the *Instagram* dataset were upper body images making an accessory on the upper body appear more frequently and thus a better selection.

*Access to Data.* Access to images for the dataset was a challenge considering Instagram's changes to legal policies limiting access to user information and narrowing the dataset. Lack of social media sites in the early aughts limited digital documentation and social media datasets.

*Ongoing Refinement.* Another limitation of the study and collaboration was the continual refinement and ongoing changes to the classifier tool thereby changing the plot results. There were ongoing changes to the classifier tool, therefore changing plot and dependence on changing and evolving results proved to be challenging.

*Rise in Microtrends.* The rise in microtrends and high frequency in small simultaneous trends and diffusion of styles potentially caused lack of data. Since baseball-trucker hats were potentially a niche trend finding a large distribution among

the dataset was potentially challenging compared to examining a more general silhouette trend.

*Inherent Bias of Datasets.* It is important to consider the purpose of the datasets when analyzing the results. Instagram is a curated collection where individuals often post their best images while a baseball-trucker hat often casts a shadow over the face in a photograph. The *Vogue Runway* images documented collections created to sell merchandise and promote the fantasy and aura of a brand. Considering the purpose of the dataset is important to understanding context.

### ***Future Work***

*Visualizing Hybrid Styles and New Categories.* Further examining the hybrid hat style and new categories of hats that the classifier identified through its misclassification on the *Vogue Runway* including a riding cap/baseball cap crossover would be valuable for future research. By measuring the height of the front panel, changing shapes of brims whether flat or curved could contribute to the visualization of changing silhouettes of hats over time. Measuring the differences in shape and styles can be used to visualize the emergence of new hat styles and consider the evolution of styles.

*Tracking Additional Fashion Objects.* Applying the methodology to trace the geo-temporality of similar objects with historical documentation of movement to the luxury market such as denim, t-shirts, and sneakers could be beneficial for future work. By connecting the movement of similar objects wider conclusions can be drawn in understanding the changing class distinction and changing conceptualization of the luxury market.

*Extending the Dataset.* Extending the dataset to include fashion plates or advertisements would allow for research over a longer historical timeline perhaps investigating changing styles over centuries rather than decades. Including fashion images from other datasets can allow researchers to examine additional contexts and mediums that affect changing styles including the influence of advertising through print or digital advertising.

*Context: Outfit Analysis.* Future research can also include tracking the frequency of the garments worn with baseball-trucker hats to understand the context in which the hats were worn. Looking at the full outfit and garments most often worn with baseball-trucker hats can help with tracking the changing dress codes.

*Gender Analysis.* Another interesting study would include the investigation of baseball-trucker hat frequency by gender to see if men or women are more likely to wear the hat and to visualize when baseball-trucker hats transitioned into a unisex accessory. Looking at the elements of gender might help with the examination of the role of hats in representing political movements including women's rights.

## REFERENCES

- Abcarian, R. (2019). MAGA hats and blackface are different forms of expression, but they share a certain unfortunate DNA. Retrieved from latimes.com website: <https://www.latimes.com/local/abcarian/la-me-abcarian-maga-hat-20190205-story.html>
- Amed, I. (2011). Tom Murry Breaks Down Calvin Klein’s Business Model. Retrieved from The Business of Fashion website: <https://www.businessoffashion.com/articles/ceo-talk/ceo-talk-tom-murry-president-and-chief-executive-officer-calvin-klein>
- Bain, M. (2017). For luxury brands, selling clothes is basically a marketing expense. Retrieved from Quartz website: <https://qz.com/996233/big-luxury-labels-like-gucci-prada-and-louis-vuitton-arent-in-the-business-of-selling-clothes/>
- Bailey, I. (2019). Why Trump’s MAGA hats have become a potent symbol of racism. Retrieved April from CNN website: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/01/21/opinions/maga-hat-has-become-a-potent-racist-symbol-bailey/index.html>
- Barry, C. (2017). Street wear bringing steady growth to global luxury market. Retrieved from Business Insider website: <https://www.businessinsider.com/ap-street-wear-bringing-steady-growth-to-global-luxury-market-2017-10>
- Blumer, H. (1969). Fashion: From Class Differentiation to Collective Selection. *The Sociological Quarterly*, 10(3), 275–291. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1533-8525.1969.tb01292.x>
- Bobb, B. (2017). Gucci Has Teamed Up With Major League Baseball—But What Will Become of Their Humble Hats? Retrieved from Vogue website: <https://www.vogue.com/article/fashion-runway-gucci-baseball-hats>
- Bling it on - What makes a millennial spend more? (2017). Retrieved from Deloitte United Kingdom website: <https://www2.deloitte.com/ch/en/pages/consumer-industrial-products/articles/young-premium-consumer.html>
- Butterfield, A. B., & Ngondi, G. E. N. E. (2016). Artificial intelligence. In A. Butterfield & G. E. Ngondi (Eds.), *A Dictionary of Computer Science*. Oxford University Press. Retrieved from <http://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780199688975.001.0001/acref-9780199688975-e-204>
- Cartner-Morley, J. (2008). Lean times and hemlines: As the financial crisis bites, how will it affect what we wear? *The Guardian*. Retrieved from <https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2008/nov/01/financial-crisis-fashion>
- Cardiner, B. (2014). New Era x Spike Lee “1996” Collection. Retrieved from Highsnobiety website: <https://www.highsnobiety.com/2014/07/11/new-era-spike-lee-1996-collection/>
- Cardoso, Â., Daolio, F., & Vargas, S. (2018). Product Characterisation towards Personalisation: Learning Attributes from Unstructured Data to Recommend Fashion Products. *ArXiv:1803.07679 [Cs, Stat]*. Retrieved from <http://arxiv.org/abs/1803.07679>
- Cassidy, J. (2018). *The Real Cost of the 2008 Financial Crisis*. Retrieved from <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/09/17/the-real-cost-of-the-2008-financial-crisis>

- Chandler, D., & Munday, R. (2016). Information age. In *A Dictionary of Media and Communication*. Oxford University Press. Retrieved from <http://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780191800986.001.0001/acref-9780191800986-e-1321>
- Chung, F. (2017). Gucci, Chanel, Burberry: Why high-end brands lose money on clothes. Retrieved from <https://www.news.com.au/finance/business/other-industries/in-most-cases-the-goal-is-not-to-lose-too-much-money-clothes-a-weakness-for-luxury-fashion-brands/news-story/14819cd7def537fe3077be458f652842>
- Clemente, D. (2014). *Dress casual: how college students redefined American style*. Chapel Hill, [North Carolina]: The University of North Carolina Press.
- Coleman, J. (2018). Descriptive statistics. In B. Frey (Ed.), *The SAGE encyclopedia of educational research, measurement, and evaluation* (pp. 489-489). Thousand Oaks,, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc. doi: 10.4135/9781506326139.n194
- Conti, S. (2017). Ready-to-wear Remains a Loss Leader Among the Big Brands. Retrieved from WWD website: <https://wwd.com/fashion-news/fashion-scoops/ready-to-wear-remains-a-loss-leader-among-the-big-brands-10898201/>
- Craik, J. (2005). *Uniforms exposed: from conformity to transgression*. (English ed.). Oxford: Berg.
- Crane D (2000) *Fashion and Its Social Agendas: Class, Gender, and Identity in Clothing*. Chicago, IL: The University of Chicago Press.
- Data is giving rise to a new economy - Fuel of the future. (2017). Retrieved from <https://www.economist.com/briefing/2017/05/06/data-is-giving-rise-to-a-new-economy>
- Davis, F. (1994). *Fashion, culture, and identity*. (Pbk. ed.). Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Estiler, K. (2018). New York Yankees x Gucci Limited Edition Accessories Just Dropped. Retrieved from HYPEBEAST website: <https://hypebeast.com/2018/7/new-york-yankees-gucci-limited-edition-accessories>
- Fisher, L. A. (2017, December 13). Yankees Fan Or Not, You're Going To Want These Gucci Baseball Caps. Retrieved from Harper's BAZAAR website: <https://www.harpersbazaar.com/fashion/designers/a14427661/gucci-yankees-hats/>
- Fernandez, C. (2019). Vogue Runway Is Charging Some Brands to Post Their Collection Images. Retrieved from The Business of Fashion website: <https://www.businessoffashion.com/articles/news-analysis/vogue-runway-is-charging-some-brands-to-post-their-collection-images>
- Flugel, J.C. (1966). "The Psychology of Clothes", 4th impression, Hogarth Press, United Kingdom, London.
- Frances, T., and Hoefel, F. (n.d.). Generation Z characteristics and its implications for companies | McKinsey. Retrieved from <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/consumer-packaged-goods/our-insights/true-gen-generation-z-and-its-implications-for-companies>
- Frey, B. B. (2018). *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Educational Research, Measurement, and Evaluation*. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781506326139>

- Friedman, V., Paton, E., (2018). Louis Vuitton Names Virgil Abloh as Its New Men's Wear Designer - The New York Times. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/26/business/louis-vuitton-virgil-abloh.html>
- Givhan, R. (2019). The MAGA hat is not a statement of policy. It's an inflammatory declaration of identity. - The Washington Post. Retrieved from [https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/the-maga-hat-is-not-a-statement-of-policy-its-an-inflammatory-declaration-of-identity/2019/01/23/9fe84bc0-1f39-11e9-8e21-59a09ff1e2a1\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.1360c232b38a](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/the-maga-hat-is-not-a-statement-of-policy-its-an-inflammatory-declaration-of-identity/2019/01/23/9fe84bc0-1f39-11e9-8e21-59a09ff1e2a1_story.html?utm_term=.1360c232b38a)
- Guo, Z. X., Wong, W. K., Leung, S. Y. S., & Li, M. (2011). Applications of artificial intelligence in the apparel industry: a review. *Textile Research Journal; Princeton*, 81(18), 1871–1892.
- Green, D. (2017.). Athleisure is not just a trend — it's a fundamental shift in how Americans dress. Retrieved from Business Insider website: <https://www.businessinsider.com/athleisure-is-more-than-a-trend-2017-2>
- Haas, S. (2019). Kanye West affirms his love for President Donald Trump in first 2019 tweets. Retrieved from USA TODAY website: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/people/2019/01/01/kanye-west-president-donald-trump-maga-hat-twitter/2460920002/>
- Handley, S. (1999). *Nylon: the story of a fashion revolution: a celebration of design from art silk to nylon and thinking fibres*. Baltimore, Md.: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Haaxma-Jurek, J. (2014). Artificial Intelligence. In K. L. Lerner & B. W. Lerner (Eds.), *The Gale Encyclopedia of Science* (5th ed., Vol. 1, pp. 341–346). Retrieved from [http%3A%2F%2Flink.galegroup.com%2Fapps%2Fdoc%2FCX3727800203%2FAONE%3Fu%3Dnysl\\_sc\\_cornl%26sid%3DAONE%26xid%3D660bab3e](http%3A%2F%2Flink.galegroup.com%2Fapps%2Fdoc%2FCX3727800203%2FAONE%3Fu%3Dnysl_sc_cornl%26sid%3DAONE%26xid%3D660bab3e)
- Jack, N.K, and Schiffer, B. (1948), "The Limits of Fashion Control," *American Sociological Review*, 13, 730-738.
- John W. G. Lowe and Elizabeth D. Lowe (1984), "Stylistic Change and Fashion in Women's Dress: Regularity or Randomness?", in *NA Advances in Consumer Research* Volume 11, eds. Thomas C. Kinneary, Provo, UT: Association for Consumer Research, Pages: 731-734.
- Johnson, N. (2014). The Year Adidas Popped. Retrieved from Vogue website: <https://www.vogue.com/article/033114-adidas-pharrell-williams-collaboration>
- Jordan, M. I., & Mitchell, T. M. (2015). Machine learning: Trends, perspectives, and prospects. *Science*, 349(6245), 255–260. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aaa8415>
- Kelly, W. W. (2018). The ubiquitous baseball cap: Identity, style, and comfort in late modern times. *Journal of Consumer Culture*, 18(2), 261–278. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1469540517744693>
- Kidwell, C. (1978). Short Gowns. *Dress*, 4(1), 30–65. <https://doi.org/10.1179/036121178805298838>
- Khan, S. (2018). *A guide to convolutional neural networks for computer vision*. [San Rafael, California]: Morgan & Claypool. Retrieved from <https://doi.org/10.2200/S00822ED1V01Y201712COV015>
- Kroeber, A. L. (1919). On the Principle of Order in Civilization as Exemplified by Changes of Fashion. *American Anthropologist*, 21(3), 235–263. Retrieved from JSTOR.
- Kroll, L., and Dolan, K. (2019). Billionaires 2019. Retrieved from <https://www.forbes.com/billionaires/#522ad7d7251c>

- Laver, J. (1945). *Taste and fashion, from the French revolution to the present day*. (New and rev. ed.). London: G. G. Harrap and company ltd.
- Lilliefors J (2009) *Ball Cap Nation: A Journey through the World of America's National Hat*. Cincinnati, OH: Clerisy Press.
- Lowe, John W. G. and Lowe, Elizabeth D. (1982), "Cultural Pattern and Process: A Study of Stylistic Change in Women's Dress," *American Anthropologist*, (3), 521-554.
- Louridas, P., & Ebert, C. (2016). Machine Learning. *IEEE Software*, 33(5), 110–115. <https://doi.org/10.1109/MS.2016.114>
- Marcus, S. (2001). *Minding the Store*. University of North Texas Press.
- Matzen, K., Bala, K., & Snaveley, N. (2017). StreetStyle: Exploring world-wide clothing styles from millions of photos. *ArXiv:1706.01869 [Cs]*. Retrieved from <http://arxiv.org/abs/1706.01869>
- Miller, H. L. (2016). *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Theory in Psychology*. 2455 Teller Road, Thousand Oaks, California 91320: SAGE Publications, Inc. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781483346274>
- Moore, J. G. (2016). *Fashion fads through American history: fitting clothes into context*. Santa Barbara, California: Greenwood, an imprint of ABC-CLIO, LLC.
- Normcore: the new trend. (2018, June 8). Retrieved from Vogue.it website: <https://www.vogue.it/en/news/daily-news/2018/06/08/the-normcore-trend-vogue-italia-june-2018/>
- Paoletti, J. B. (1982). Content Analysis: Its Application to the Study of the History of Costume. *Clothing and Textiles Research Journal*, 1(1), 14–17. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0887302X8200100103>
- Parker, A. (2017, December 21). Trump's Campaign Hat Becomes an Ironic Summer Accessory. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/13/fashion/trumps-campaign-hat-becomes-an-ironic-summer-accessory.html>
- Parker, K. (n.d). Opinion | 'Make America Great Again' is no longer just a slogan. It's a symbol of rebellion. Retrieved April 7, 2019, from Washington Post website: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/make-america-great-again-is-no-longer-just-a-slogan-its-a-symbol-of-rebellion/2019/02/22/69710bb0-36f2-11e9-af5b-b51b7ff322e9\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/make-america-great-again-is-no-longer-just-a-slogan-its-a-symbol-of-rebellion/2019/02/22/69710bb0-36f2-11e9-af5b-b51b7ff322e9_story.html)
- Patterson, T. (2017). The Common Man's Crown. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/05/magazine/the-common-mans-crown.html>
- Penn, M. J., & Zalesne, E. K. (2007). *Microtrends: the small forces behind tomorrow's big changes*. New York: Twelve.
- Placido, D. D. (2018). Kanye West Just Out-Trumped Trump. Retrieved from Forbes website: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/danidiplacido/2018/10/11/how-kanye-west-out-trumped-trump/>
- Primo, D. (2018). What Can Luxury Brands Learn From Gucci About Millennials? Retrieved from Forbes website: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesagencycouncil/2018/11/02/what-can-luxury-brands-learn-from-gucci-about-millennials/>
- Richardson, Jane and Kroeber, Alfred (1940), "Three Centuries of Women's Dress Fashions: A Quantitative Analysis," *Anthropological Records*, 5(2), 111-153.

- Rogelberg, S. G. (2017). *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Industrial and Organizational Psychology, 2nd edition*. 2455 Teller Road, Thousand Oaks California 91320: SAGE Publications, Inc. <https://doi.org/10.4135/9781483386874>
- Salfino, C. (2017). From Workout to Workwear, Athleisure Works a New Angle. Retrieved from Sourcing Journal website: <https://sourcingjournal.com/topics/lifestyle-monitor/workout-workwear-athleisure-works-new-angle-60884/>
- Sapir, E. (1931) *Fashion*. Pp. 139–141 in *Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences VI*. New York: Macmillan.
- Simmel, G. (1957). *Fashion*. *American Journal of Sociology* 62, no. 6 541-558.
- Solman, P. (2018). How the 2008 financial crisis crashed the economy and changed the world. Retrieved from PBS NewsHour website: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/how-the-2008-financial-crisis-crashed-the-economy-and-changed-the-world>
- Staff, W. W. D. (2017, June 2). Amid Runway Overload, Vetements Nixes Paris Show. Retrieved from WWD website: <https://wwd.com/fashion-news/designer-luxury/amid-runway-overload-vetements-nixes-paris-show-10899575/>
- Sulima, J. (2018). How Streetwear Is Influencing a New Era of Luxury Fashion. Retrieved from <https://www.adweek.com/brand-marketing/how-streetwear-is-influencing-a-new-era-of-luxury-fashion/>
- Tokumaru, M. and Muranaka, N. (2008). An evolutionary fuzzy color emotion model for coloring support systems. *2008 IEEE International Conference on Fuzzy Systems (IEEE World Congress on Computational Intelligence)*, 408–413. <https://doi.org/10.1109/FUZZY.2008.4630400>
- Takagi, M., Simo-Serra, E., Iizuka, S., & Ishikawa, H. (2017). What Makes a Style: Experimental Analysis of Fashion Prediction. *2017 IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision Workshops (ICCVW)*, 2247–2253. <https://doi.org/10.1109/ICCVW.2017.263>
- Team, T. (2018). The Athleisure Trend Is Here To Stay. Retrieved Forbes website: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/greatspeculations/2016/10/06/the-athleisure-trend-is-here-to-stay/>
- Thompson, D. (2018). How Athleisure Conquered Modern Fashion. Retrieved from The Atlantic website: <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2018/10/bicycle-bloomers-yoga-pants-how-sports-shaped-modern-fashion/574081/>
- Veblen T (1899) *The Theory of the Leisure Class: An Economic Study of Institutions*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Williams, A. (2017, December 20). Normcore: Fashion Movement or Massive In-Joke? *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/03/fashion/normcore-fashion-movement-or-massive-in-joke.html>
- Wilson, E. (2003). *Adorned in dreams: fashion and modernity*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press.
- Wilson, E. (2008). Troubled Economy Is a Test for Fashion Industry. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/2008/10/16/fashion/thursdaystyles/16MONEY.html>



- Wilson, C. (2018). Why The Word “Athleisure” Is Completely Misunderstood. Retrieved from Forbes website: <https://www.forbes.com/sites/chipwilson/2018/04/18/why-the-word-athleisure-is-completely-misunderstood/>
- Wolf, C. (2018). How Nike Became the Biggest Fashion Brand in the World. Retrieved from GQ website: <https://www.gq.com/story/how-nike-became-the-biggest-fashion-brand-in-the-world>
- Wu, Y., & Feng, J. (2018). Development and Application of Artificial Neural Network. *Wireless Personal Communications*, 102(2), 1645–1656.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11277-017-5224-x>
- YOUTH MODE. (2013). Retrieved from K-HOLE website: <http://khole.net/issues/youth-mode/>

## APPENDIX

### Full Designer List from *Vogue Runway* Dataset 2000-2018

#	Ace & Jig	Alejandra Alonso
1 Piu 1 Uguale 3	Acler	Rojas
1205	Acne Studios	Alena
3.1 Phillip Lim	Adam Kimmel	Akhmadullina
3x1	Adam Lippes	Alessandra Rich
5-Knot	Adam Selman	Alessandro
6267	Adeam	Dell'Acqua
6397	Adidas by Stella	Alex Perry
87MM	McCartney	ALEXACHUNG
99%IS	Adriana Degreas	Alexander
A	AG	Arutyunov
A.A. Antonio	Aganovich	Alexander Lewis
Azzuolo	Agi & Sam	Alexander
A-Cold-Wall	Agnes B.	Mcqueen
A Degree	Agnona	Alexander
Fahrenheit	Aje	Terekhov
A Detacher	Aka Nanita	Alexander Wang
A.F. Vandevorst	Akikoaoki	Alexandr
A.L.C.	Akira	Herchcovitch
A la Garconne	Akris	Alexandre
A.P.C.	Alabama Chanin	Plokhov
A Peace Treaty	Alberta Ferretti	Alexandre
A. Sauvage	Alberta Ferretti	Vauthier
A.W.A.K.E.	Limited Edition	Alexis Mabilie
MODE	Albino	Alice Auua
Aalto	Albino Teodoro	Alice McCall
Abaete	Allbus Lumen	Alice & Olivia
Abasi Rosborough	Alchemist	Alice Roi
		Alina Zamanova

Alisa Kuzembaeva	Anna Molinari	Arthur Arbesser
Alistair Carr	Anna October	As Four
Allegra Hicks	Anna Sui	Asger Juel Larsen
Alonova	Anne Barge	Ashish
AltewaiSaome	Anne Klein	Ashley Williams
Altuzarra	Anne Sofie Madsen	Asian Fashion Meets Tokyo
Alyx	Anne Valerie Hash	Assembly
Ambush	Anouki	Astrid Andersen
Amg	Anrealage	Atelier Kikala
Ami	Anthony Vaccarello	Atelier Versace
Amiri	Anton Belinskiy	Atlein
Amsale	Antonio Azzuolo	ATM Anthony Thomas Melillo
An American View	Antonio Berardi	Ato
And Re Walker	Antoni Marras	Atsushi Nakashima
And Wander	Anya Hindmarch	Attico
Andrea Pompilio	Aouadi	Atto
Andreas Kronthaler for Vivienne Westwood	Apartamento 03	A Jour Le Jour
Andreeva	Apiece Apart	Audra
Andrew Gn	Aquascutum	Augustin Teboul
Andy Debb	Aquilano.Rimondi	Aula
Angel Sanchez	Araisara	Avalone
Angelos Bratis	Araks	Avtandil
Animale	Area	Awaveawake
Anja Gockel	Ariunaa Suri	Azzaro
Ann Demeulemeester	Arje	Azzedine Alaia
Ann-Sofie Back Atelje	Arkadius	<b>B</b>
Anna K	Arman Basi One	Babyghost
	Armani Prive	Back
	Artem Shumov	Badgley Mischka
	Artemklimchuk	

Baja East	Bernhard	Bourie
Balenciaga	Willhelm	Brandon Maxwell
Bally	Bespoken	Brandon Sun
Balmain	Bessarion	Brave Gentleman
Banana Republic	Betsey Johnson	Brian Reyes
Band of Outsiders	Betty Jackson	Brioni
Bande Noir	Bevza	Brock Collection
Barbara Bui	Beyond Closet	Brood
Barbara Casasola	Bianca Spender	Brooks Brothers
Barbara I Gongini	Biba	Bruce
Barbara Tfank	Bibhu Mohapatra	BrunelloCucinelli
Barre Noire	Big Park	Bruno Pieters
Bassike	Bill Blass	Bruuns Bazaar
Basso & Brooke	Billy Reid	Buckler
Batsheva	Bjorn Borg	Buddhist Punk
Baum und	Blaak	Burberry Prorsum
Pferdgarten	BlackEyePatch	By Bonnie Young
BCBG Max Azria	BLDWN	By Johnny
Beaufille	Bless'ed Are the	By Malene Birger
Beautiful People	Meek	Byblos
Bebe	Blindness	<b>C</b>
Beckmans College	BLK DNM	C-Neeon
of Design	Blumarine	C.P. Company
Bed j.w. Ford	Bobkova	Cacharel
Behnaz Sarafpour	Bode	Cadet
Bekh	Bodkin	Calla
Bella Feud	Boglioli	Callaghan
Belstaff	Boris Bidjan	Calvin Klein
Benjamin Cho	Saberi	Calvin Klein
Bensoni	Bottega Beneta	Collection
Berardi	Bouchra Jarrar	Calvin Luo
Berluti	Boudicca	

Camilla Carc	Chanel	Cienne
Canali	Charles nastase	Cinq as Sept
Capucci	Charles Jeffrey	Cividini
Carin Wester	Loverboy	Claudia Li
Carla Zampatti	Ccharles Nolan	Clements Ribeiro
Carlo Ponti	Charlotte Olympia	Cloak
Carlos Miele	Charlotte Ronson	Clover Canyon
Carmen Marc	Charms	Club Monaco
Valvo	Cheap Monday	CMMN SWDM
Carmen March	Cher Michel Klein	Co
Carolina Herrera	Chika Kisada	Coach
Carven	Childs	Colcci
Casely-Hayford	Chloe	Collette Dinnigan
Cashmere in Love	Chloe Sevigny for	Collina Strada
Catherine	O.C.	Colovos
Malandrino	Chris Benz	Comme des
CDLM	Christian Cota	Garcons
Cecilie Bahnsen	Christian Cowan	Comme des
Cedric Charlier	Christian Dada	Garcons Homme
Celestino Couture	Christian Dior	Plus
Celine	Christian Lacroix	Comme des
Central Saint	Christian Siriano	Garcon Sshirt
Martins	Christian Wijnants	Commonwealth
Cerre	Christophe	Utilities
Cerruti	Lemaire	Commuun
Cerruti 1881	Christopher Esber	Comptoir des
CF Goldman	Christopher Kane	Cotonniers
CG	Christopher	Conny
Chadwick Bell	Raeburn	Groenewegen
Chaiken	Christopher	Coperni Femme
Chakshyn	Shannon	Corneliani
Chalayan	Chromat	Costello
	Chufy	Tagliapietra
		Costume National

Cotoo	Danielle Frankel	Diane von Furstenberg
Cottweiler	Danielle Scutt	Dice Kayek
County of Milan	Daryl K	Diesel
Courreges	Dasha Gauser	Diesel Black Gold
Coven	Datuna	Dietrich Emter
Craig Green	Datuna	Dimaneu
Creative Taiwan	Sulikashvili	Dimitri
Creatures of Comfort	Daughters	Dion Lee
Creatures of Wind	David Catalan	Dior Homme
Cres. E Cim.	David Hart	Dirk Bikkembergs
Crippen	David Koma	Dirk Schonberger
Curated by Ek Thongprasert	David Michael	Discount Universe
Cushnie	Davidelfin	Discovered
Cushnie et Ochs	Dax Gabler	Djaba
Custo Barcelona	Day Birger et Mikkelsen	Diassamidze
Cut25 by Yigal Azrouel	Dean Quinn	DKNY
Cynthia Rowley	Death To Tennis	DMDV
Cynthia Steffe	Deceive	Dolce & Gabbana
<b>D</b>	Delpozo	Domanoff
D & G	Dennis Basso	Dondup
Dagmar	Derek Lam	Donna Karan
Dailyroutine	Derek Lam 10 Crosby	Doo.Ri
Daks	Derercuny	Double Rainbouu
Daks by Giles Deacon	Designers Remix	Doublet
Dalood	Deveaux	Douglas Hannant
Damir Doma	Devi Kroell	Drag + Drop
Daniel Vosovic	Devon Halfnight	Dress Co
Daniel W. Fletcher	Leflufy	Dresscamp
	Dgnak	DressedUndressed
	Diana orving	Dries Van Noten
		Dsquared2

Duckie Brown

Dundas

Dunhill

Duro Olowu

Dyn

Dyne

Dzhus

## E

E.Tautz

Each x Other

Eckhaus Latta

Edeline Lee

Editions MR

Ddun

Elder Statesman

Electric Feathers

Elena Burba

Elena Burenina

Elena Rial

Elenareva

Eley Kishimoto

Eleykishimoto

Ellesse

Elie Saab

Elie Tahari

Elise Verland

Elizabeth and  
James

Elizabeth Kennedy

Ellen Tracy

Ellery

Eloshi

Elspeth Gibson

Emanuel Ungaro

Emelie Janrell

Emilia Wickstead

Emilio de la  
Morena

Emilio Pucci

Emma Cook

Emma Mulholland

Emporio Armani

Enfants Riches

Deprimes

Engineered  
Garments

Erdem

Eric Bergere

Eric Schlosberg

Erika Cavallini

Erin Retherston

Erin Wasson x  
RVCA

Ermanno Scervino

Ermenegildo  
Zegna

Escada

Esteban Cortazar

Esther Perbandt

Et Momonakia

Ethosens

Etoile Isabe  
Marant

Etro

Etudes

Etw.Vonneguet

Eudon Choi

Everlasting Sprout

## F

Facetasm

Factotum

Faith Connexion

Farah Angsana

Fashion East

Fashion Fringe

Faustine Steinmetz

Fausto Puglisi

Fay

Fear of God

Felder Felder

Felipe Oliveira  
Baptista

Fendi

Feng Chen Wang

Fenty Puma

Feraud

Filippa K

Filippa K Man

Filles a Papa

Flannel

Fleamadonna

Flow the Label

Fonnesbech

For Restless  
Sleepers

Frame Denim

Francesc by Frank  
Tell

Francesco  
Scognamiglio

Frank Tell

Treiknock

Freya Dalsjo

Frolov

FrostFrench

Fumito Ganryu

Fur Fur

## **G**

G-Star

G.V.G.V.

Gabriela Hearst

Gabriele  
Colangelo

Gabrielle Greiss

Gail Sorronda

Galia Lahav

Galvan

Ganni

Ganryu

Gant by Michael  
Bastian

Gap

Gardem

Gareth Pugh

Gary Bigeni

Gary Graham

Gasanova

GCDS

Generra

Genny

George Amirejibi

George Keburia

George Pantsulaia

Giada

Giamba

Giambattista Valli

Gianfranco Ferre

Gibo

Gibsh

Gieves Hawkes

Gilded Age

Giles Deacon

Ginger Smart

Giorgio Armani

Giuliana Romanno

Giulietta

Givenchy

Gloria Coelho

GmbH

Goga Nikabadze

Gola Damian

Gosha  
Rubchinskiy

Graeme Armour

Graeme Black

Greg Lauren

Gregory Parkinson

Greta Constantine

Greta Gram

Grey Jason Wu

Growing Pains

Gryphon

Gucci

Gudu

Gulcin Cengel

Guo Pei

Gustav Von  
Aschenbach

Gut's Dynamite  
Cabarets

Guy Laroche

Gypsy Sport

## **H**

H&M Design  
Award

Habitual

Haider Ackermann

Hakaan

Halpern

Halston

Halston Heritage

Hamish Morrow

HAN

Han Ahn Soon

Han Kjobenhavn

Hanae Mori  
Designed by Yu  
Amatsu

Haney

Hanii Y

Hannah Marshall

Hardy Amies

Hare



Harmon  
 Haryono Setiadi  
 Haus Alkire  
 Heatherette  
 Hecho  
 Heich Es Heich  
 Helbers  
 Hellessy  
 Helmut Lang  
 Helo Rocha  
 Henrik Vibskov  
 Hensely  
 Heohwan  
 Simulation  
 Hermes  
 Hernandez Cornet  
 Heron Preston  
 Herve Leger  
 Herve Leger by  
 Max Azria  
 Hien Le  
 Hillier Bartley  
 H&M  
 Holiday Boileau  
 Holly Fulton  
 Holmes & Yang  
 Holzweiler  
 Honor  
 Hood By Air  
 Hope  
 Houghton  
 House of Holland

House of Jazz  
 Hugo  
 Hugo Boss  
 Huishan Zhang  
 Hunkydory  
 Hunter Original  
 Hutson  
 Hyke  
**I**  
 Icarus de  
 Menezes  
 ICB  
 Iceberg  
 Ida Klamborn  
 Ida Sjostedt  
 Ienki Ienki  
 Imitation of Christ  
 Inbal Dror  
 Inshade  
 Io Ipse Idem  
 Ioana Ciolacu  
 Iris Van Herpen  
 Iro  
 Isa Arfen  
 Isaac Mizrahi  
 Isabel Marant  
 Isabell de Hillerin  
 Isola Marras  
 Issa  
 Issever Bahri  
 Issey Miyake

Istvan Francer  
 Ivan Grundahl  
 Ivanman  
 Ivka  
**J**  
 J Brand  
 J Crew  
 J.JS Lee  
 J. Kim  
 J Koo  
 J. Lindeberg  
 J. Mendel  
 JW Anderson  
 Jacquemus  
 Jaeger London  
 Jahnkoy  
 Jain Song  
 James Coviello  
 James Long  
 Janashia  
 Jardin Exotique  
 Jarret  
 Jasmin Shokrian  
 Jasmin Shokrian  
 Draft No. 17  
 Jasmine Di Milo  
 Jason Wu  
 Jasper Conran  
 Jay Ahr  
 Jayson Brunsdon  
 JC de Castelbajac

Jealousy  
Jean Colonna  
Jean Gritsfeldt  
Jean Paul Gaultier  
Jean-Pierre  
Braganza  
Jeffrey Chow  
Jeffrey Dodd  
Jeffrey Rudes  
Jen Kao  
Jenni Kayne  
Jenny Packham  
Jens Laugesen  
Jeremy Jaing  
Jeremy Scott  
Ji Oh  
Jil Sander  
Jil Sander Navy  
Jill Stuart  
JNBY  
Joe Casely-  
Hayford  
Johan Ku  
Johanna Ortiz  
John Bartlett  
John Elliot  
John Galliano  
John Lawrence  
Sullivan  
John Richmond  
John Rocha  
John Varvatos

Joie  
Jonathan Cohen  
Jonathan Saunders  
Jonathan Simkhai  
Joseph  
Joseph Abboud  
Josh Goot  
Josie Natori  
Jourden  
Jovovich Hawk  
Joy Cioci  
Jsen Wintle  
Juan Carlos  
Obando  
Juicy Couture  
Julia Nikolaeva  
Julia Seemann  
Julian Louie  
Julian Zigerli  
Julien David  
Julien MacDonald  
Julius  
Jun Okamoto  
Junya Watanabe  
Just Cavalli  
Juunj  
**K**  
Kaal E.Suktae  
Kaelen  
Kai Kuhne  
Kamishima  
Chinami

Kanye West  
Kanye West  
Adidas Originals  
Karen Walker  
Karl Lagerfeld  
Karl Lagerfeld for  
Riachoelo  
Karla Spetic  
Karolina Zmarlak  
Katama  
Katayone Adeli  
Kate Spade New  
York  
Kate Sylvester  
Katerina Kvit  
Katie Eary  
Katie Ermilio  
Katie Gallagher  
Katy Rodriguez  
Kaufmanfranco  
Kaviar Gauche  
Keanan Duffty  
Keita Maruyama  
Kelly Wearstler  
Kendall + Kylie  
Kenneth Cole  
Collection  
Kenneth Cole-  
New York  
Kent & Curwen  
Kenzo  
Kenzo La  
Memento

Kes  
Kevork Kiledjian  
Khaite  
Khomenko +  
Zirochka  
Kiko Kostadinov  
Kilgour  
Kilian Kerner  
Kim Jones  
Kim Shui  
Kimberly Ovitz  
Kimseoryong  
Kinder Aggugini  
Kiok  
Kith  
Kiton  
Kitx  
Kimora Lee  
Simmons  
Koche  
Koi Suwannagate  
Kolor  
Kozaburo  
Kris Van Assche  
Krizia  
Krizia Top  
Krystof Strozyna  
Ksenia Knyazeva  
Ksenia Schnaider  
Ksenia Seraya  
KTS  
Kuzyomin

Kwaidan Editions  
Kye  
**L**  
L.A.M.B.  
L'Wren Scott  
La DoubleJ  
La Perla  
La Vie Rebecca  
Taylor  
Lacoste  
Lado Bokuchava  
L'Agence  
Lagerfeld Gallery  
Lake Stars  
Lake Studio  
Lako Bukia  
Lala Berlin  
Lalo  
Landlord  
Lanvin  
Laquan Smith  
Larisa Lobanova  
Laura Garcia  
Laura Siegel  
Laurel  
Lawrence Steele  
Lazoschmidl  
Le Kilt  
Lee Mathews  
Lee Roach  
Lein

Lela Rose  
Lemlem  
Lena Hoschek  
Lenny Niemeyer  
Leonard  
Les Benjamins  
Les Copains  
Les Hommes  
Les Homme  
Libertine  
Lie Sang Bong  
Lilly Sarti  
Limi Feu  
Linder  
Lindsey  
Thornburg  
Lisa Marie  
Fernandez  
Lisa Perry  
Litkovskaya  
Lizzy Disney  
Local Firm  
Loden Dager  
Loewe  
Lolitta  
London Roundup  
Longchamp  
Lorod  
Lou Dallas  
Lou Dalton  
Louis Vuitton

Louise Friedlaender	Maison Francesco Scognamiglio	Margaret Howell
Louise Goldin	Maison Kitsune	Maria Grachvogel
Louise Gray	Maison Martin Margiela	Marianna Senchina
Low Classic	Maison Mayle	Marina Hoermanseder
LP.BG	Maison Mihara Yasuhiro	Marina Moscone
LRS	Maison Rabih Kayrouz	Marine Serre
Luar	Maiyet	Marios Schwab
Luca Luca	Maje	Marissa Webb
Lucas Nascimento	Maki Oh	Marjan Pejoski
Lucien Pellat Finet	Malaikaraiss	Mark Eisen
Lucio Vanotti	Malibu 1992	Mark Fast
Lucky Chouette	Malo	Mark Kenly by Domino Tan
Ludovic de Saint-Sernin	Mame	Mark McNairy New Amsterdam
Luella	MAN	Markus Lupfer
Luisa Beccaria	Mandy Coon	Marni
Lulu & Co	Manish Arora	Marques' Almeida
Lumier Garson	Mansur Gavriel	Marta Jakubowski
Lutz Huelle	Mantis Religiosa	Martin Grant
Lutz & Patmos	Mara Hoffman	Martine Rose
Lyn Devon	Marc by Marc Jacobs	Martine Sitbon
<b>M</b>	Marc Jacobs	Mary Katrantzou
M. Martin	Marc Jacobs Men	Mary Ping
M Missoni	Marcel Ostertag	Maryam Nassir Zadeh
M.PATMOS	Marchesa	Maryling
M.R.S.	Marchesa Notte	Marysia
Mach&Mach	Marchesa Voyage	Masterpeace
Madewell	Marco de Vincenzo	Materiel
Mads Norgaard		
Maggie Marilyn		
Maid in Love		

Materiel by Aleksander Akhalkatsishvili	Michael Kors Collection	Moncler 2 1952
Materiel by Tiko Paksashvili	Michael Lo Sordo	Moncler 3 Grenoble
Maticevski	Michael Sontag	Moncler 4 Simone Rocha
Matohu	Michael van der Ham	Moncler 5 Craig Green
Matt Nye	Michelle Lowe Holder	Moncler 6 Kei Ninomiya
Matthew Adams Dolan	Michon Schur	Moncler Noi Kei Ninomiya
Matthew Ames	Miguel Adrover	Moncler 7 Fragment Hiroshi Fujiwara
Matthew Miller	Miharayasuhiro	Moncler 8 Palm Angels
Matthew Williamson	Mihara Yasuhiro Modified	Moncler Gamme Bleu
Matty Bovan	Mikio Sakabe	Moncler Gamme Rouge
Maurizio Pecoraro	Milly	Moncler Grenoble
Max Azria	Minju Kim	Monique Lhuillier
Max Mara	Mint Designs	Monse
Max Mara Atelier	Mira Mikati	Moohong
Maxime Simoens	MISBHV	Moon Choi
McQ Alexander McQueen	Miss Gee Collection	Moschino
Meadham Kirchhoff	Miss Sixty	Moschino Cheap- Chic
Mehtap Elaidi	Miss Wu	Mother
Melitta Baumeister	Missoni	Mother of Pearl
Meltem Ozbek	Miu Miu	Moto Guo
Menichetti	MM6 Maison- Martin Margiela	Motohiro Tanji
Mercibeaucoup	MM6 Maison Martin Margiela x Opening Ceremony	Motonari Ono
Miaou	Modernist	MP Massimo Piombo
Michael Angel	Molly Goddard	
Michael Bastian	Moncler 1 Pierpaolo Piccioli	

Mr Gentleman  
MSGM  
Mugler  
Mulberry  
Munn  
Munsoo Kwon  
Murrall  
MYAR  
Myrza de Muynck

## **N**

N.Hoolywood  
Nabil Nayal  
Nadya Dzyak  
Naeem Khan  
NAHM  
Namachekeo  
Name.  
Nanette Lepore  
Nanushka  
Naoki Takizawa  
Narciso Rodriguez  
Nashe  
Nasir Mazhar  
Natasha Zinko  
Nathan Jenden  
Naum  
Nautica  
Navro  
Ne-Net  
Nehera  
Neil Barrett

Nellie Partow  
Nells Nelson  
Nhorm  
Nicholas K  
Nicholas Nybro  
Nicolas Andreas  
Taralis  
Nicolas Grigorian  
Nicole Farhi  
Nicole Miller  
Nicipanda  
Nili Lotan  
Nina Donis  
Nina Ricci  
Nino Babukhadia  
Nitz Schneider  
No. 21  
No. 6  
Noa Raviv  
Nohke  
Noir  
Noir Kei  
Ninomiya  
Nomia  
Nonoo  
Norma Kamali  
Novis  
Nozomi Ishiguro  
Tambourine  
Number (N)ine  
NYC 2000

## **O**

Oak  
OAMC  
Obedient Sons &  
Daughters  
Objects Without  
Meaning  
Odeur  
Off-White  
Officine Generale  
Ohne Titel  
Oliver Spencer  
Olivier Theyskens  
Olympia Le-Tan  
Omelya  
Opening  
Ceremony  
Ordinary People  
Organic by John  
Patrick  
Orla Kiely  
Orley  
Oscar de la Renta  
Osklen  
Osman  
Ossie Clark  
Cstel  
Ostwald Helgason  
Ottolinger  
Oumlil  
Our Legacy  
Outlaw  
Ovadia & Sons  
Ozgur Masur

Ozlem Kaya

## **P**

Paco Rabanne

Pal Zileri

Palm Angels

Palme Harding

Palmiers du Mal

Palomo Spain

Palson Kifot

Pam & Gela

Pamela Dennis

Pamella Roland

Paola Raia

Paper London

Paria Farzaneh

Paris 68

Parsons MFA

PatBo

Patricia Viera

Patrik Ervell

Paul & Yakov

Paul & Joe

Paul Smith

Paula Raia

Paule Ka

Pedro del Hierro  
Madrid

Pedro Lourenco

Perret Schaad

Perry Ellis

Perry Ellis by  
Duckie Brown

Petar Petrov

Peter Jensen

Peter Pilotto

Peter Som

Peter Soronen

PH5

Phelan

Phenomenon

Phi

Philip Treacy

Philipp Plein

Philosophy

Phoebe English

Phoenix Keating

Piazza Sempione

Piece d'Anarchive

Pierre Balmain

Pierrot

Pieter

Pigalle

Piombo

Pirosmani

Plan C

Plastic Yokyo

Poiret

Pollini

Polo Ralph Lauren

Porsche Design

Portnoy Beso

Ports 1961

Poustovit

Poustovit x Tago

PPQ

prabal- Gurung

Prada

Preen by Thornton  
Bregazzi

Preen Line

Pringle of  
Scotland

Priscavera

Prism

Proenza Schouler

Project Alabama

Protagonist

Public School

Pushbutton

Pyer Moss

## **R**

R II S

R13

Rachel Antonoff

Rachel Comey

Rachel Roy

Rachel Zoe

Rad by Rad-  
Hourani

Rad Hourani

Raf Simons

Rafael Lopez

Rag & Bone

Rahul Mishra

Rake

Ralph & Russo

Ralph Lauren	Richard Malone	RR331
Ralph Rucci	Richard Nicoll	Rshemiste
Ralph Rucci	Richard Quinn	RTA
Chado	Richard Tyler	Ruban
Randolph Duke	Rick Owens	Rue du Mail
Raquel Allegra	Rito	Ruffian
RCR Khomenko	Robert Cary -	Ruffo Research
Rebecca	Williams	Russell Sage
Danenberg	Robert Geller	Ryan Lo
Rebecca de	Robert Rodriguez	Ryan Roche
Ravenel	Roberto Cavalli	Rykiel Homme
Rebecca M inkoff	Rochambeau	<b>S</b>
Rebecca Taylor	Rochas	Sabyasachi
Rebekka Ruetz	Rock Republic	Sacai
Red Valentino	Rocket x Lunch	Sacai Luck
Redemption	Rodarte	Sachi & Babi
Re/Done	Rodebjer	Saint Laurent
Reed Krakoff	Rodnik	Saint-Tokyo
Reem Acra	Rogan	Saks Potts
Reinaldo	Roggykei	Salle De Mode
Lourenco	Roksanda	Sally LaPointe
Rejina Pyo	Roland Mouret	Sally Penn
Rena Lange	Roland Mouret	Saloni
Requiem	Mr.	Salvatore
Revillon	Romance Was	Ferragamo
Reyes	Born	Samuji
Rhie	Ronald van der	Sand
Ria Keburia	Kemp	Sandra Mansour
Riccardo Tisci	Roopa Pemmaraju	Sandro
Richard Chai	Rosetta Getty	Sandy Liang
Richard Chai Love	Rosie Assoulin	Santoni Edited by
Richard Edwards	Rossella Jardini	Marco Zanini
Richard James	The Row	



Sara Battaglia	Simonetta Ravizza	Stone Fox Bride
Sari Gueron	Sinha-Stanic	Strateas Carlucci
Sasha Kanevski	Sister by Sibling	Strenesse
Sass Bide	situationist	STRK
SB47	SJYP	Studio Heijne
Schiaparelli	Slava Zaitsev	Suboo
Schumacher	Snow Xue Gao	Subrosa
Scotch & Soda	Solace London	Sue Stemp
Sea	Somarta	Sulvam
Sean John	Sonia by Sonia	Sunnei
Sebastian Pons	Rykiel	Suno
Section 8	Sonia Rykiel	Supercomma B
See by Chloe	Sophia Kah	Surface to Air
Selam Fessahaye	Sophia Kokosalaki	Susan Lazar
Self-Portrait	Sophie Theallet	Suzanne Rae
Seredin & Vasiliev	Sophomore	Swedish Fashion
Shaina Mote	Sopopular	Talents
Sharon Wauchob	Sorry I'm Not	Swedish School of
Shaun Samson	Sportmax	Textiles
Shelley Fox	Sretsis	Sweetface
Shipley Halmos	Sss World Corp	Sykes
Shiroma	St. John	SYZ
Shrimps	St. Roche	<b>T</b>
Shushan	Stand	T by Alexander
Sibling	Steinrohner	Wang
Sid Neigum	Stella Jean	Taakk
Sies Marjan	Stella McCartney	Tabula Rasa
Siki Im	Stephan Pelger	Tadashi Shoji
Silvia Tcherassi	Stephen Burrows	Tae Ashida
Simon Miller	Steve J & Yoni P	Takahiromiyashi
Simon Spurr	Steven Alan	the Soloist
Simone Rocha	Stine Goya	Takeo Kikuchi

Tako Mekvabidze	Tia Cibani	tracy Reese
Talbot Tunhof	Tibi	Trademark
Talbots	Tiger of Sweden	Trager Delaney
Tamara Mellon	Tiit	TRE by Natalie Ratabesi
Tamuna Ingorokva	Tim Coppens	TRIAS
Tanya Taylor	Tim Hamilton	Tribune Standard
Tao	Tim Hamilton Redux	Trina Turk
Tatuna Nikolaishvili	Tim van Steenbergen	Triple RRR
Teatum Jones	Timo Weiland	Tristan Webber
Telfar	TL-180	Ttريا
Temperley London	Tocca	Trovata
Ter et Bantine	Tod's	Trussardi
Tess Giberson	Todd Lynn	TSE
Tessa	Todd Snyder	Tsumori Chisato
Thaddeus O'Neil	Toga	Tucker
Thakoon	Tokyo New Age	Tuleh
Thakoon Addition	Tom Ford	Turbo ulia
The Coat by Katya Silchenko	Tomas Maier	Twenty8 Twelve
The Gigi	Tome	Tyler
The Great	TOMMY	Tze Goh
The Kooples	Tommy Hilfiger	<b>U</b>
The Sirius	Toni Maticevski	U.G.LY
Theo	Tonsure	Ujoh
Theory	Tony Melillo	Ulla Johnson
Theyskens Theory	Topman Design	Ulyana Sergeenko
Thimister	Topshop Unique	Umit Benan
Thom Browne	Tory Burch	Undercover
Thomas Tait	Tory Sport	Ungaro Couture
Threeasfour	Tosia	Uniqueness
	Toteme	United Bamboo

Unravel	JW Anderson	Wanda Nylon
Urban Zen	Collection	Warm
Uri Minkoff	Vetements	Warren Noronha
Use Unused	Vfiles	Wayne
<b>V</b>	Victor Alfaro	WC
V by Gres	Victor Glemaud	We Are Handsome
Vahan	Victoria Beckham	Weannabe
Khachatryan	Victoria by	Wendelborn
Valentin	Victoria Beckham	Wendy Nichol
Yudashkin	Victoria Victoria	Wes Gordon
Valentino	Beckham	Whistles
Valery Kovalska	Vika Gazinskaya	Whit
Vanessa Bruno	Vikto & Rolf	White
Vanessa Seward	Vilshenko	Mountaineering
Vanishing	Vince	Whiz Limited
Elephant	Vionnet	Who Is It?
Vaquera	Vipers	Who Is on Next
Vejas	Visvim	Whyred
Vektor	Vitorino Campos	William Rast
Vena Cava	Viva Vox	Willow
Vera Wang	Vivetta	Willy Chavarria
Vera Wang	Vivienne Tam	Wink
Lavender Label	Vivienne	Wolk Morais
VeronicaVB.	Westwood	Wood Wood
Ballenes	Vix	Woolrich Woolen
Veronica Beard	Vladimir Karaleev	Mills
Veronique	Vozianov	Wooyoungmi
Branquinho	VPL	Wren
Veronique Leroy	<b>W</b>	WrittenAfterwards
Verrier	Wales onner	Wunderkind
Versace		<b>X</b>
Versus Versace	Walter Van	Xuly.Bet
	Beirendonck	

## **Y**

Y-3

Y/project

Yang Li Yasutoshi

Yajun

YCH

Yeohlee

Yigal Azrouel

Yinging Yin

Yohei Ohno

Yohji Yamamoto

Yoko Devereaux

Yoshio Kubo

Yulia Nikolaeva

Y s

You As

Yulia

Yulia Yefimtchuk

Yuliya Polishchuk

## **Z**

Zero + Maria

Cornejo

Zeynep Tosun

Zimmermann

Zirochka Ukraine

Zoe Jordan

Z Zegna

Zac Posen

ZAC Zac Posen

Zachary Prell

Zadig & Voltaire

Zambesi

ZDDZ